

Keeler



KEELER GENEALOGY ...

Ralph Keeler

Samuel Keeler

Joseph Keeler

Paul Keeler

Paul Keeler, Jr.

Nathaniel Fitch I

Nathaniel Fitch II

Mathias Fitch (Josiah?)

John Byron Fitch

Otis Bernon Fitch

Warren John Fitch

Sarah St. John or (Sention)

Elizabeth Whitney

Smith  
Sarah Wood

Sarah Burt Cornwall

Sarah Keeler

Sarah Elizabeth Delong

Frances VanDolah

Rosa Belle Hollopeter

Esther K. Doll

Betty Lou Brown







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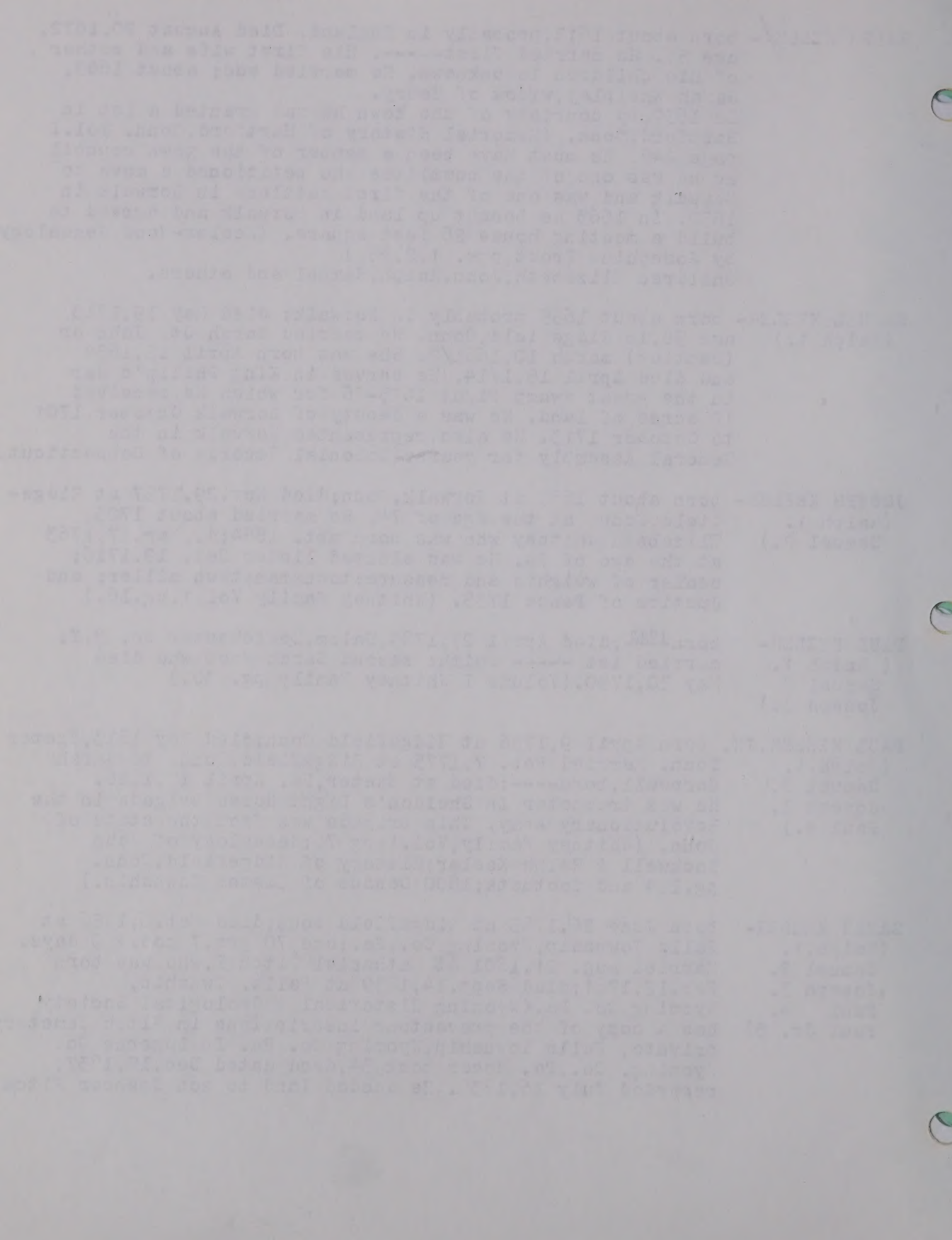
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Items from the book "The History of Ridgefield" by Rockwell

Ralph Keeler: "The first intimation of the contemplated settlement of Ridgefield is found in the public records of the Colony of Connecticut, when in 1697 the following motion was granted: Upon the motion of Samuel Haise, Sr., JOHN BELDEN, JOHN WHITNE, RALPH KEELER, Jachin Gregorie, John Nash, SAMUEL KEELER ----- to purchase of the Indians a certain tract of land lying about 14 miles Northward of the town of Norwalk to settle a plantation there, this court made a choice of Matthew Marvin, Mr. John Wakeman and David Waterbury to be a committee to view the said land and to inform them whether there be accommodation sufficient for a body to settle in a plantation way."

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Land is sold by Catoonah, Sachem of the Ramapoo Indians to Norwalk men among whom we find JOHN BELDEN, SAMUEL KEELER, SR., JOHN WHITNE, SR., JOSEPH KEELER, SAMUEL KEELER, JR.

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The Assembly gives to the following men the land to make settlement Bounded on the South by Norwalk, on the West by New York, on the East by Fairfield, on the North by Danbury: JOHN BELDEN, SAMUEL KEELER, SR., Matthew Seamor, MATTHEW ST. JOHN., Benjamin Wilson, SAMUEL KEELER, JR., Samuel Smith, Jonathan Stevens, Daniel Olmstead, John Sturdevant, Jonathan Rockwell, Joseph Whitney, Thomas Hyatt, James Benedict, Joseph Crampton and Richard Olmstead of Norwalk, and Thomas Smith, Thomas Canfield, Samuel and Ebenezer Smith of Milford.

Page 14 dated 1709

Patent issued in 1714 to the same group of men

Page 15 and 16 and 17

In November of 1724, it was voted "that the road of Norwalk pass over Bald Hill where it was laid out by ye jury." At this meeting SAMUEL KEELER was warned to remove his fence accordingly. SAMUEL KEELER moved from Ridgefield to Wilton, then in the township of Norwalk. He settled in the Bald Hill section of the town. Wilton was incorporated as a town in May, 1802. It has an area of 17,602 acres.

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THE KEELER TAVERN: It was built by Timothy Keeler, a grandson of SAMUEL KEELER, SR., one of the first proprietors of the town, and kept by him as a tavern years before the Revolution, and until his death in 1815.

PAUL KEELER, JR. "PAUL KEELER, JR., was born in Ridgefield April 9, 1756. He married SARAH BURT CORNWELL. He bought the land and built a house where now stands the Methodist Church. He moved to Falls Village, PA, where he died and was buried. He sold his property in Ridgefield to Nathan Dauchy. Page 154





PAUL KEELER, JR., Trumpeter in Sheldon's Dragoons, Light Horse,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Regt.

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Seating arrangement in 1800 on the ground floor of ye first  
Society (Congregational Church) #6: Thaddeus Keeler, Jeremiah  
Keeler, Benjamin Keeler #9: Timothy Keeler, Nathan Dauchy  
#12: Jeremiah Keeler #17: Levi Keeler, John Keeler, Jeremiah  
Keeler, PAUL KEELER #21: Jasper Mead, Matthew Keeler, Jonah  
Keeler #22: Thaddeus Keeler, Nehemiah Perry In the gallory we  
find Levi Keeler, Jabez Keeler, Matthew Keeler, Jonah Keeler,  
Jasper Keeler, Timothy Keeler.

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JOSEPH KEELER: Listed above on pages 10, 11, 15, 16 in the  
settling of the town of Ridgefield.

"At a General Assembly Holden at Hartford on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1731, upon the Memorial of JOSEPH KEELER, Ebenezer Smith,  
Daniel Olmstead and the rest of the proprietors of the common  
and undivided lands in the town of Ridgefield, setting forth to  
this Assembly the great loss and damage they have sustained by  
reason of the dividend line between the Province of New York,  
and the Colony of Connecticut coming so much further eastward,  
than was expected, and thereby cutting off a considerable  
quantity of land belonging to the said town, thereupon petition  
this Assembly, that they would, in consideration of the loss ---  
grant unto them a certain quantity of land, bounded south by the  
Colony line -----"

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At a Proprietors Meeting March 19, 1732 a committee was  
appointed on the part of Ridgefield to settle the boundry line  
between this town and Danbury. Full power was given to this  
committee to act with the committee from Danbury for "setting  
the boundaries" between the two townships. The members of this  
committee from Ridgefield were Lt. Ebenezer Smith, JOSEPH KEELER  
and Daniel Olmstead.

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"Then comes as description of the Meeting house yard or Church  
Yard as it was called. Upon this section of our highway stood  
the Congregational Church until it was abandoned in 1888. Here  
were held General Trainings by the militia in Colonial days.  
This plot of ground was laid out as follows: From ye South of  
Mr. Hawley's homelott, beginning at ye meeting house yard and  
from Henry Whitne's Northwest corner to Matthew St. John's  
Southeast corner of his Home Lott is 16 rodts, and from said  
corner to his South corner is 20 rodts and from said South  
corner, west across the street to JOSEPH KEELER'S Southeast cor-  
ner is 16 rodts and from said corner to JOSEPH KEELER'S north-  
east corner standing in Saint Johns line is 20 rodts."

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Catoonah Street was laid out the same day, the bounds being five and a half rods wide on the Main Street or easterly end, and at ye west end 6 rodde wide. BENJAMIN BURT is mentioned as living on the Methodist Church corner and David Scott on the opposite corner.

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The present Depot Hill is described as "a road between the home lotts of Thomas Smith and Ebenezer Smith." Thomas living on the south corner and Ebenezer on the library corner. This road was laid out "five rodde and a half and four feet on Town Street and at ye East end five rodde and a half, and from hence to JOSEPH KEELER'S six acre division and down to the Great Swamp four rodde wide."

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Appointed Perambulators in 1733 to go over boundaries were from Ridgefield JOSEPH KEELER, Samuel Smith, and Nathan St. John. From Norwalk were Matthew Gregory and Thomas Benedict.

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In 1724, a committee was appointed to see to the materials needed to work on the Meeting House. On this committee were JOSEPH KEELER, Benjamin Willson, and Ebenezer Smith.

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At a town meeting held December 10, 1750, among other matters "at ye meeting above said it was voted that Peter Benedict and LOT KEELER shall have ye privilege of a seat in ye Meeting House and be seated upon this condition, viz - that they the said Benedict and KEELER give in their Lists of their estates forthwith and so annually in a true and faithful manner according to ye Laws and Customs in this Colony, and annually pay their proportion of taxes that shall be levyed or passed in ye list either for buildings, Meeting House, or Repairing ye present Meeting House & Support the Gospel amongue us -----

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KEELER, RIDGEFIELD BOOK

JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH KEELER

- |                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Rachael     | born Oct. 4, 1706     |
| 2. Elizabeth   | born Nov. 18, 1708    |
| 3. Sarah       | born Sept. 22, 1710   |
| 4. Joseph, Jr. | born April 8, 1713    |
| 5. Martin      | born May 13, 1717     |
| 6. Lott        | born Feb. 26, 1719/20 |
| 7. Silas       | born Dec. 3, 1724     |
| 8. John        | born March 17, 1726   |

BENJAMIN AND SARAH BURT (Belden)

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Christopher  | born April 14, 1704 |
| 2. Seaborn      | born July 4, 1706   |
| 3. Benjamin Jr. | born Feb. 5, 1707   |
| 4. Abigail      | born Nov. 8, 1709   |
| 5. John         | born Nov. 9, 1711   |
| 6. Sarah        | born June 4, 1714   |
| 7. Daniel       | born July 8, 1716   |
| 8. Thankful     | born Oct. 6, 1718   |
| 9. Thankful     | born Sept. 1, 1721  |

CHRISTOPHER AND JOANNA BURT (St. John)

- |              |                     |         |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1. John      | born Aug. 14, 1729  |         |
| 2. Abigail   |                     |         |
| 3. Sarah     | born April 14, 1732 | (twins) |
| 4. Samuel    | born Jan. 19, 1734  |         |
| 5. Mary Burt | born Oct. 28, 1736  |         |

EBENEZER AND SARAH SMITH

- |                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Sarah         | born Oct. 13, 1713   |
| 2. Abiah         | born March 7, 1714   |
| 3. Ebenezer, Jr. | born March 15, 1718  |
| 4. Daniel        | born Oct. 6, 1719    |
| 5. Job           | born Feb. 21 1721/22 |

THOMAS AND HANNAH SMITH

- |           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. Thomas | born Oct. 31, 1711 |
| 2. David  | born June 10, 1718 |

MILFORD SAMUEL AND ELIZABETH SMITH

- |              |                    |           |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Elizabeth | born June 10, 1708 |           |
| 2. John      | born Jan. 12, 1711 |           |
| 3. Nathan    | born Sept. 7, 1715 | died 1726 |





SAMUEL AND ELIZABETH SMITH            same as above??

1. Stephen                      born Sept. 23, 1717
2. Jacob                        born April 6, 1719/20
3. Rachell                      born April 7, 1723
4. Patience                    born Feb. 19, 1727/28 (Norwalk)

SAMUEL AND SARAH SMITH

1. Samuel                      born July 9, 1719

JONAH SMITH

1. Hannah                      born Nov. 13, 1726
- ✓ 2. Mary                        born April 14, 1730    died 1732
3. Jonah                        born May 7, 1832
4. James                        born Jan. 4, 1737/8
5. Elizabeth                    born Nov. 25, 1740
6. Caleb                        born Sept. 5, 1743
7. Esther                        born March 4, 1745/6

JONAH AND ELIZABETH SMITH (Bennett)

1. Nathan                      born Dec. 11, 1728
2. Mary                        born June 18, 1734

GIDEON AND SARAH SMITH

*m. 2. Dorothy Botsford 1739*

1. Sarah                        born Jan. 29, 1732
2. Hannah                      born Sept. 9, 1734
3. Elijah                        born Dec. 29, 1735

JOSIAH OR JABISH SMITH AND RUTH (Seamore)

1. Sarah                        born Sept. 17, 1730
2. Jabez                        born Dec. 12, 1731
3. Abraham                    born June 6, 1733
4. Joel                         born 1735/36
5. Ruth                         born 1736/37

There are other Smiths, but most seem too late to possibly be a wife of Paul Keeler, Sr.

*If Paul was born c. 1720 & married a Smith, might be available.*

JONATHAN AND ELIZABETH WOOD

1. Martha                      born Feb. 27, 1716
2. David                        born Jan. 7, 1718

TITUS AND ABIGAIL WOOD

1. Abigail                      born Oct. 18, 1719/20    died 1720





## MARRIAGES

Jonathan Wood and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ May 28, 1715  
 Norwalk Samuel Smith and Sarah Whitney June 13, 1717  
 Titus Wood married Abigail \_\_\_\_\_ Jan. 13, 1720  
 Norwalk Samuel Smith and Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ June 21, 1722  
 Jonah Smith married Elizabeth Bennett Dec. 29, 1726  
 Christopher Burt married Joanna, dau. Of Capt. Saintjohn  
 Dec. 21, 1727  
 Gideon Smith married Dorothy Botsford of New Milford  
 April 11, 1739  
 Joseph Keeler married Jane Willson, dau. Of Benj. And Jane  
 Feb. 26, 1735/6  
 Jabish Smith married Ruth, dau. Of Matthew Seamore of Norwalk  
 June 12, 1729  
 Silas Keeler married Abigail Elmer April 14, 1746  
 John Keeler married Sarah Northrup May 30, 1750  
 George Folliot married Thankful Burt Sept. 175 \_\_\_\_\_

## DEATHS

Samuel Keeler, deceased May 19, 1713 at 58 years (son of Ralph)  
 Sarah Keeler, widow of Samuel Keeler, deceased April 15, 1714 (St. John)  
 Timothy Keeler, deceased August 30, 1748  
 Thankful, dau. Of Benjamin and Sarah Burt, dyed Sept. 22, 1719  
 Sarah, wife of Norwalk Samuel Smith, deceased Oct. 22, 1720 (Whitney, dau. of  
 Abigail, dau. Of Titus Wood, deceased Nov. 2, 1720 John + Eliz  
 Nathan, son of Milford Sam. Smith, deceased Feb. 9, 1726 Smith)  
 Mary, dau. Of Jonah and Eliz. Smith, deceased March 25, 1732  
 Deacon Thomas Smith, deceased Sept. 15, 1743  
 Samuel Smith died of smallpox Jan. 20, 1782  
 Mary, wife of Samuel Smtih, died with smallpox, Dec. 26, 1881  
 Samuel Smith, formerly of Norwalk, died Jan. 25, 1764





February 1, 1999

Dear Betty,

It was good to hear from you as always. I am aware of the severe winter you are having as we have a son and family who live in Flushing, Michigan, and the weather is quite similar. We are seeing a few signs of spring but have had a very cold winter for us with heavy frost several mornings a week. Our garden is quite distressed.

I have never corresponded with Robert Scott Sickler or anyone descended from Matthias Sickler so would be interested in what early information he has on the Sickler family in New York.

I believe I mentioned that I don't have much information on the Keeler, Cornwell, and Burt families entered into my computer at this time so I think the best thing to do is let you know what sources I have been using for research. I'll list the sources family by family so it will be easier to follow.

KEELER:

1. "The Keeler Family," by Wesley B. Keeler, Ralph Keeler of Norwalk, CT, and some of his descendents. Pages were copied for me and sent by a correspondent many years ago.
2. "The Whitney Family of CT," by Phoenix, Vol. I.
3. The Barbour Index to CT Vital Records as found in the Land Records- Ridgefield.
4. General Index of Compiled Service Records of Men Who Served from CT in the Revolutionary War-National Archives film, M860.
5. Compiled Service Records of Men from CT in the Revolution, National Archives film, M881.
6. Ridgefield Land Records, Vols. I & II, FHL film # 5496, Land Records Vol. III, & IV # 5497, Land Records Vol. V & VI, #5498.
7. Jacobus, "Families of Old Fairfield." vol. I.
8. Luzerne Co. Deeds, Vol III, p. 560 (Paul Keeler purchases land in Falls Twp. and ferry from Nathan Whitlock.)
9. Will Paul Keeler, Luzerne Co. Wills, Vol. I, p. 141.
10. Extracted Records from the South Salem United Church of Christ, Westchester, NY.

Summary of findings: Paul Keeler, Jr., was the son of Paul Keeler who died in Westchester, NY, - County 27 April, 1787. and his first wife who died by 1751 when he married Sarah Wood. All children from the second marriage are recorded in the records of the United Church of Christ, So. Salem. EQ 13 The oldest of these, Ebenezer, was baptized 31 May 1752. Both Phoenix and Wesley B. Keeler support these findings, as do the church records of the United Church of Christ. Paul, Jr.,

*South Salem, just across the line  
from Ridgefield*

*Ebenezer was the name of the "Smith" who was with Joseph Keeler in town*



therefore must have been born at least by 1750, as was his sister, Sarah. They were raised in Westchester with their step- brothers and sisters, I'm sure. Westchester lies due west of Ridgefield , CT, just across the border, and not far to go to find a spouse.

In printed lists of soldiers from CT who fought in the Revolution I could find no mention of Paul Keeler, especially not in the list of men who fought in Sheldon's Light Horse Dragoons. So I looked in the National Archives records and found that Paul had served in Waterbury's Regiment from CT, from Jan. 12th through Jan 15, 1776, receiving pay for three days of service.

In Ridgefield Land Records, Vol. III, p 276, 277, Joseph Keeler deeds his lands in Ridgefield to his sons, "for love and affection," naming them, including Paul., who is "not of Ridgefield" at that date, 12 March 1750.

Are you aware that the early land records in CT recorded besides deeds, marriages, births and deaths? Paul Keeler's marriage to Sarah Cornwell is recorded there.

#### CORNWELL:/BURT:

1. There is no record of Sarah Burt's marriage to a Mr. Cornwell in the Ridgefield land records. Her second marriage to Denton Mills, 29 Feb. 1760, is recorded there although it took place in the United Church of Christ in South Salem, Westchester, NY. There is also no record of her daughter Sarah Cornwell's birth in the Ridgefield land records. (Same references to Ridgefield Land Records as under Keeler.)

2. Ridgefield Deeds, Vol. IV, pp. 154, 155, Sarah Cornwell receives the homestead of her father, Benjamin Burt, by quit claim from her siblings, 24 May 1759. Altho her sister Thankful's husband is named in the distribution , Sarah's husband was not named, meaning he was deceased I believe. This proves the Sarah Burt born in 1714, daughter of Benjamin Burt and Sarah Belden, was indeed the Sarah Cornwell who's daughter married Paul Keeler. I agree she was an older mother when Sarah was born probably about 1750. I base this on the average length of child bearing years being 25, and Sarah Cornwell Keeler's first child was born in 1776 and her last in 1799.

3. I have also used "The History of Ancient Wethersfield" by Stiles, Vol. II. for Burt ancestry.

4. "Early Days in New England, The Life and Times of Henry Burt, " by Henry M. Burt & Selan W. Burt.

5. " New England Marriages prior to 1700," by Torrey.

6. Many records of Middletown, Middlesex, CT, where the name Cornwell is found. I have been trying to find an eligible man named Cornwell who could have married Sarah Burt. There is such a man, named William Cornwell, b. June 1712, son of William Cornwell and Mary Thompson, who I can find no marriage for or any early death as of yet.

7. There is quite alot about the family of Benjamin Burt, Sarah Burt Cornwell's father, in the Ridgefield land records. Several of the sons were Tories and their land was confiscated.

Two weeks from today I will be in Salt Lake for a week of research at the Family History Library. A friend and I have been going together for several years now. I plan to pursue some of the leads given in the research material from the man who whose research you have from the

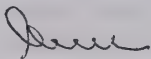




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1940's and also follow up on other questions I have. It's always a pleasure to have an uninterrupted week of research which I so enjoy. If I find any real treasures I will let you know.

We expect to have an Email address within a few weeks. I will let you know when we do. Meantime, happy researching.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dave".





## FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

1790 CENSUS

## KEELER ...

David Keeler	Brookfield Town
John Keeler	Brookfield Town
Elisha Keeler	Brookfield Town
Nathan Keeler	Brookfield Town
Sarah Keeler	Brookfield Town
John Keeler, Jr.	Brookfield Town
Anne Keeler, Widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Nathaniel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Philip Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Elijah Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Timothy Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Nathan Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Elizabeth Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
David Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Daniel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Phinehas Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
James Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Jeremiah Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Aaron Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Thaddeus Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Justice Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Seth Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Luke Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Aaron Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Thomas Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Keeler	Ridgefield
Timothy Keeler 2nd	Ridgefield
Nehemiah Keeler	Ridgefield
Elijah Keeler	Ridgefield



# Family Group Record

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**Husband's Name****Paul KEELER** (AFN:173B-H9M)[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 1857 **Place:** <Bricktown, Lackawanna, Pa>  
**Died:** **Place:** Falls, Luzerne, Pa  
**Married:** 5 Jun 1897 **Place:** Falls, Luzerne, Pa

**Father:**  
**Mother:**

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**Wife's Name****Minnie B ROSENKRANS** (AFN:173B-HBT)[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 25 Dec 1867 **Place:** Bricktown, Lackawanna, Pa  
**Died:** **Place:** Falls, Luzerne, Pa  
**Married:** 5 Jun 1897 **Place:** Falls, Luzerne, Pa

**Father:** Gideon Judson ROSENCRANS (AFN:173B-B5X)  
**Mother:** Emma R CASTERLIN (AFN:173C-2P1)

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**Children**

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*Great Grandson of  
Paul Keeler & Sarah Cornwell*





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## Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
<a href="#">Jacob S. PETTEBONE</a>	Self	W	Male	W	58	PA	Farmer	PA	PA
<a href="#">Sarah MCGUIRE</a>	Other	S	Female	W	32	PA	Dom. Servant	—	—
<a href="#">Paul KEELER</a>	Other	S	Male	W	26	PA	Dom. Servant	—	— <i>b. 1854</i>

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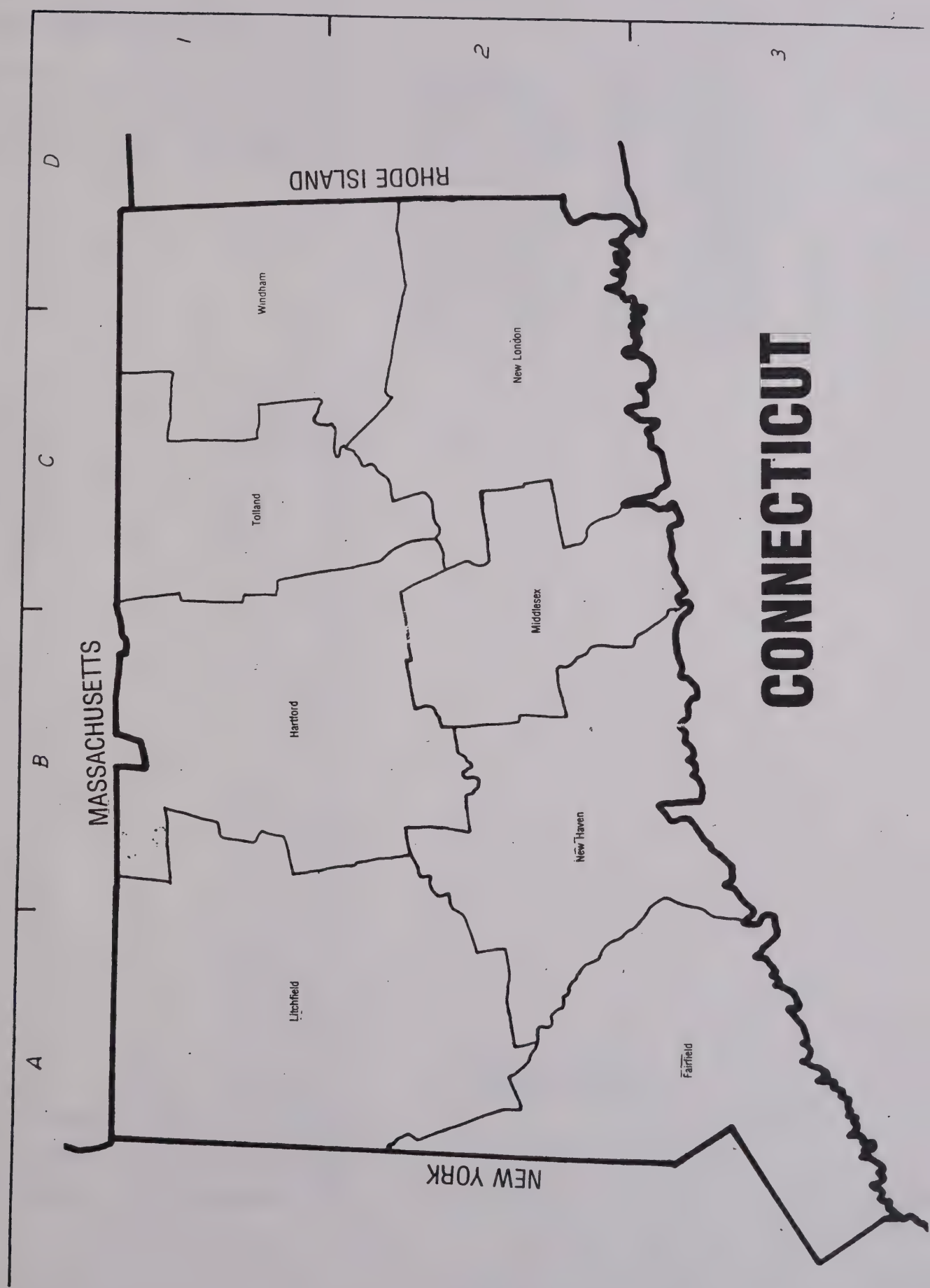








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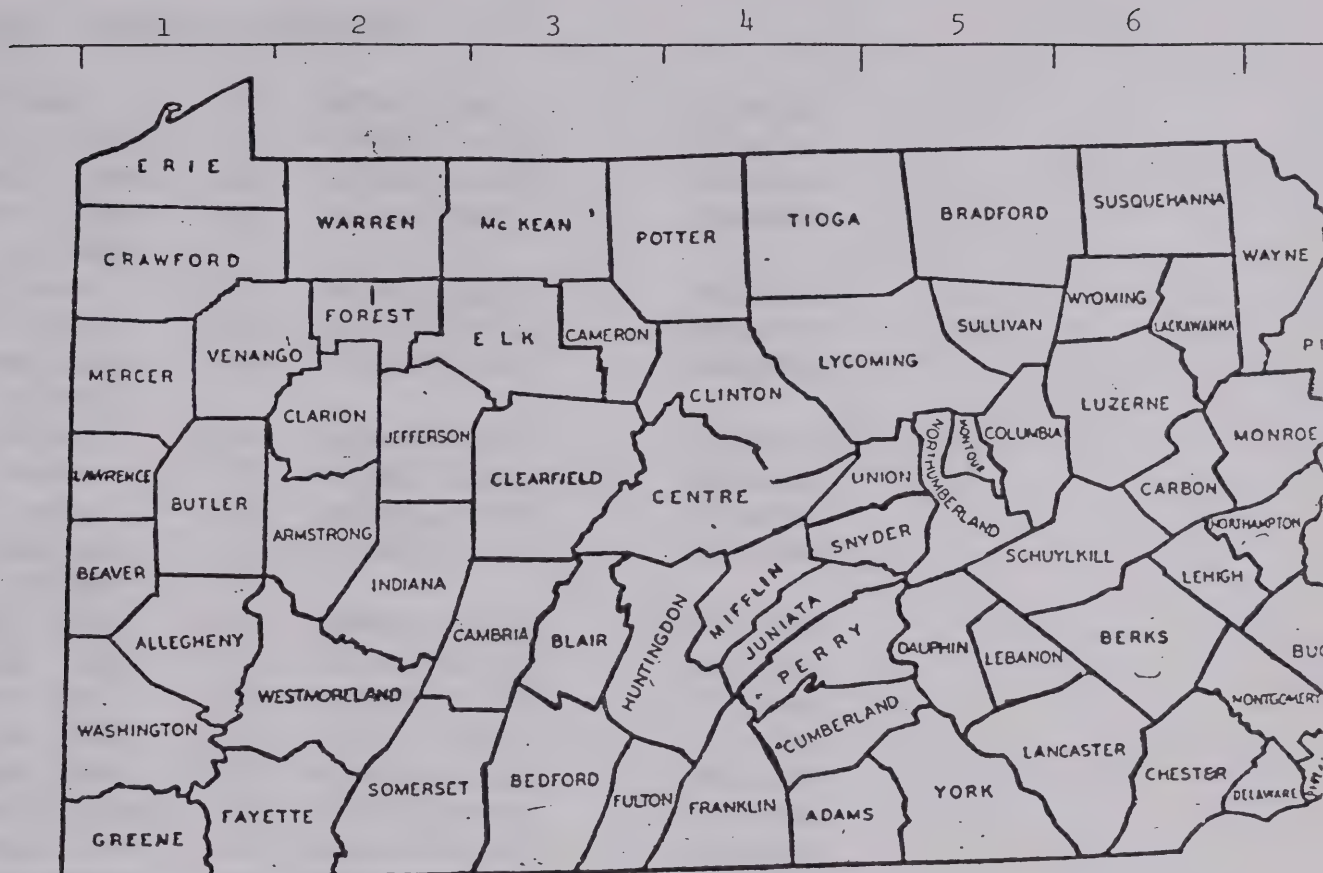


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Aaron Keeler	204	Fairfield County	Seth Keeler	192	Fairfield
Arna Keeler	142	Fairfield County	Stephen Keeler	192	Fairfield
Benjamin Keeler	82	Fairfield County	Stephen Keeler Jr	192	Fairfield
			Thaddeus Keeler	82	Fairfield
			Thaddeus, 2nd	82	Fairfield
			Thomas Keeler	202	Fairfield
			Timothy Keeler	192	Fairfield
			Timothy Keeler	82	Fairfield
			Timothy Keeler 2	74	Fairfield
			Patty W. Keeler	74	Fairfield
			William Keeler	198	Fairfield
Benjamin, 2nd	82	Fairfield County			
Daniel Keeler	82	Fairfield County			
Daniel Keeler	204	Fairfield County			
Daniel Keeler 2nd	202	Fairfield County			
David Keeler	126	Fairfield County			
David Keeler	82	Fairfield County			
David Keeler 2nd	82	Fairfield County			
Elijah Keeler	204	Fairfield County			
Esther Keeler	80	Fairfield County			
Ichial Keeler	192	Fairfield County			
Isaac Keeler	192	Fairfield County			
Isaac Keeler	206	Fairfield County			
Isaac Keeler 2nd	198	Fairfield County			
Jabez Keeler	78	Fairfield County			
James Keeler	192	Fairfield County			
Jeremiah Keeler	192	Fairfield County			
Jeremiah Keeler	82	Fairfield County			
John Keeler	192	Fairfield County			
John Keeler	130	Fairfield County			
John Keeler	82	Fairfield County			
Jonah Keeler	80	Fairfield County			
Jonathan Keeler	128	Fairfield County			
Jonathan Keeler	82	Fairfield County			
Joseph Keeler	236	Litchfield County			
Justus Keeler	192	Fairfield County			
Levi Keeler	82	Fairfield County			
Luke Keeler	206	Fairfield County		30010-01010-00	
Lukes Keeler	204	Fairfield County		00001-00001-00	
Margaret Keeler	198	Fairfield County			
Mathew Keeler	80	Fairfield County			
Moses Keeler	86	Fairfield County			
Nathan Keeler	128	Fairfield County			



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Cumberland	D4	Mifflin	C4	Wyoming	A6
Dauphin	C5	Monroe	B7	York	D5
Delaware	D7				





# KEELER, 1820 CONNECTICUT

Abial Keeler	027	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Adonigam Keeler	027	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Benjamin Keeler	023	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Benjamin Keeler 2nd-sho	033	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Caleb Keeler	029	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Daniel Keeler	031	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Darhess Keeler widow	033	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
David Keeler	024	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Elihu Keeler	027	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Elijah Keeler	030	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Elizabeth Keeler widow	024	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Harvey Keeler	023	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Jeremiah Keeler	024	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Jonah Keeler	033	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Jonathan Keeler	023	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Mathew Keeler	033	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Nehemiah Keeler	027	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Nehemiah, 2nd	027	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Rufus Mason K.	031	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Thaddeus Keeler	025	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Thaddeus, 2nd	020	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Timothy Keeler	026	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
William Keeler	020	Fairfield County	Ridgefield
Abraham G. Keeler	058	Fairfield County	Danbury
Aaron Keeler	273	Fairfield County	Norwalk
Debby Keeler	274	Fairfield County	Norwalk
James Keeler	275	Fairfield County	Norwalk
Joseph Keeler	273	Fairfield County	Norwalk
Margarette Keeler	274	Fairfield County	Norwalk
Phillip Keeler	271	Fairfield County	Norwalk
Chancey Keeler	291	Fairfield County	Wilton
Hellena Keeler	290	Fairfield County	Wilton
Issac Keeler	291	Fairfield County	Wilton
Isaiah Keeler	295	Fairfield County	Wilton
Jehial Keeler	291	Fairfield County	Wilton
John Keeler	291	Fairfield County	Wilton
John Keeler, 2nd	295	Fairfield County	Wilton
Justice Keeler	294	Fairfield County	Wilton



Nathan Keeler	24	Fairfield County
Nehemiah	76	Fairfield County
Phillip Keeler	78	Fairfield County
Phinihas Keeler	206	Fairfield County
Samuel Keeler	192	Fairfield County
Samuel Keeler	232	Fairfield County
Samuel Keeler	76	Fairfield County
Samuel Keeler 2nd	198	Fairfield County





# KEELER, 1820 CONNECTICUT

Banhard Keeler	014	Fairfield County	Redding
Benjamin Keeler	178	Fairfield County	Brookfield
Bradley Keeler	282	Fairfield County	New Canaan
Czar Keeler	191	Fairfield County	Newton
Daniel Keeler	285	Fairfield County	New Canaan
Daniel Keeler	322	Litchfield County	New Milford
Daniel Keeler	444	Litchfield County	Litchfield
David Keeler	181	Fairfield County	Brookfield
Eli Keeler	394	Litchfield County	Sharon
Halow Keeler	178	Fairfield County	Brookfield
Ira Keeler	178	Fairfield County	Brookfield
Issac Keeler	221	Fairfield County	Stratford
Jonathan Keeler	182	Fairfield county	Brookfield
Lyman Keeler	303	Litchfield County	New Milford
Phinehas Keeler	285	Fairfield County	New Canaan
Thaddeus M. Keeler	285	Fairfield County	New Canaan
William Keeler	119	Fairfield County	Stratford
Hulda Keeler	181	Fairfield County	Brookfield
Isaac Keeler	286	Fairfield County	New Canaan
Stephen Keeler	318	Litchfield County	New Milford
David Keelor	401	Litchfield county	Kent



# KEELER, PENNSYLVANIA 1800

Ebinezzer Keeler	370	Philadelphia County	00200-00000-00
Elisha Keeler	397	Luzerne County	11010-12010-00
George Keeler	531	Somerset County	21010-21110-00
John Keeler	761	Montgomery County	10101-00201-00
Martin Keeler - <i>may be Paul's brother</i>	230	Dauphine County	20020-00020-00
Rinehart Keeler <i>uncle?</i>	761	Montgomery County	11101-10010-00
William Keeler	761	Montgomery County	31111-22110-00

We are looking for Paul Keeler and family of Luzerne, Wyoming, or Exeter. Came in 1795 from Ridgefield, CT.

# KEELER, PENNSYLVANIA 1810

John Keelar	182	Northumberland County	Fishingk
		or Northmoreland	
David Keeler	926	Mercer County	Shenango
Elisha Keeler	166	Luzerne County	Rush
John Keeler	139	Chfs (?)	Kennet Township
Paul Keeler	111	Luzerne County	Exeter Township
William Keeler	090	Bucks County	Bedminster
Jacob Keelor	115	Montgomery County	Limerick
John Keelor	186	Montgomery County	Skippack
Joseph Keelor	077	Montgomery County	Frederick
Joseph Keelor	248	Montgomery County	Upper Me
✓ Martin Keelor	114	Montgomery County	Limerick
Reinor Keelor	115	Montgomery County	Limerick
William Keelor	114	Montgomery County	Limerick

Paul had brothers - This Paul SR.

Joseph 1713-

Martin 1717

Silas

John

←  
uncles of  
Paul, Jr.

Paul Jr. has a son ASA b. 1780

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KEELER, fast families	Fanny Keeler
PAUL KEELER, JR. and SARAH BURT CORNWALL	STERNE KEELER and LYDIA CORBY
Anna Keeler Asa Keeler William Keeler Nancy Keeler Lucy Keeler Sally Keeler Clarissa Keeler Abby Keeler Fanny Keeler Patty or Polly Keeler or Mary Urania Keeler	Elizabeth O. Keeler Sarah Keeler  ABBY KEELER and FRANCIS C. JOHNS  Nancy D. Johns Abby Cowles Nancy Cowles
ASA KEELER and ELIZABETH NEWMAN	HEISTER KEELER an ADELINE LOIS SHARPE
Sally Ann Keeler Asa Keeler, Jr. Milo Keeler Sterne Keeler Nancy Keeler Laura Keeler Heister Keeler Eveline Keeler Betsey C. Keeler	H. Harrison Keeler Asa S. Keeler Addie L. Keeler Ida L. Keeler Eveline Keeler
URANIA KEELER and PHINEAS SHERWOOD	SARAH KEELER and NATHANIEL FITCH I
George W. Sherwood William Sherwood Chauncey Sherwood Almira Sherwood Lucy Sherwood Victorina Sherwood Louisa Sherwood	Seymour Fitch Giles Fitch Morgan Fitch Spencer Fitch Abigail Fitch Sarah Fitch Nancy Fitch Allen Fitch Mary or Polly Fitch
MILO KEELER and MARY E. GAY or STROPE	LUCY KEELER and ZURIEL SHERWOOD
Charles Keeler George Keeler Elizabeth Keeler Cory Keeler Maggie Keeler	



RIDGEFIELD  
CONNECTICUT

1708

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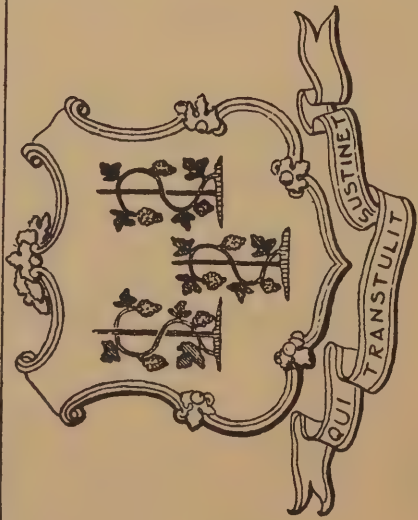
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- 1 Samuel G. Goodrich, known to the world by his pen name, Peter Parley, was born August 19th, 1793, in the house then standing by this roadside.
- 2 Along West Lane, with guards on the Norwalk road, Major General Samuel H. Parsons encamped with his brigade on May 20th, 1779. With him were Colonel Meigs and Colonel Wyllys.
- 2a General Heath's brigade encamped here in July, 1779, before marching to Danbury.
- 3 This house was built in 1797 by the Reverend Samuel Goodrich, third pastor of the Congregational Church. He was the father of Peter Parley who was four years old when the family moved into the new home.
- 4 On this corner stood the Town Whipping Post, last used about 1798. (Whipstick District thus derives its name.)
- 5 On this Green, parallel to the street, stood the Congregational Church, with its white spire and graceful Colonial lines. The Society was organized as early as 1712. The second church building was completed in 1800.
- 6 The Trading Post of Matthew Seymour (Seamor) stood on this lot, which was drawn in the original town "lotterie" November 25th, 1708.
- 7 The Village Green, originally called the Church Yard, was the site of the first church in Ridgefield, and was used as a drill ground by the militia.
- 8 This house, erected in 1713, is the oldest dwelling in Ridgefield. It was built by the Reverend Thomas Hawley, the first pastor of the Congregational Church and also the first Town Clerk and Registrar, which offices he held from 1713 to 1735.
- 9 During the Battle of Ridgefield, April 27th, 1777, as flanking parties of the British army passed the old house which then stood on this site, a woman ran out waving a red petticoat. Taking advantage of the loyalty of this family to the British crown, the house was used as a hospital for the wounded and dying soldiers.
- 10 On this corner was the home of the Reverend Jonathan Ingersoll, second pastor of the Congregational Church and a Chaplain with Colonel David Wooster, serving in the Ticonderoga campaign of the French and Indian War.
- 11 The home of Lieutenant Joshua King stood close to the street line at this point. It was destroyed by fire in 1888, the present house being a near replica. Lieutenant King, a member of Sheldon's Dragoons was at the surrender at Yorktown. He also commanded the guard over Major André.



- 12 The first church edifice of the Church of England was erected at this point about 1740. It was set on fire by the British soldiers during Tryon's invasion, April 27th, 1777, and nearly burned to the ground.
- 13 On this corner was the home of Benjamin Burt, who conducted the first blacksmith shop in Ridgefield.
- 14 This lot, number 29, was granted to Daniel Sherwood who was the 29th and last man admitted as a First Proprietor. He was a miller and erected a mill at the outlet of Lake Mamanasco.
- 15 The Smith Tavern. As early as 1719 Ebenezer Smith took guests at his house which stood on this corner near the present site of the Library. In 1797 Amos Smith, his grandson, erected here the tavern bearing his name.
- 16 Here stood the home of Colonel Philip Burr Bradley, Ridgefield's foremost soldier in the Revolution. Part of the original homestead is incorporated in the present dwelling.
- 17 On this triangle was erected a Liberty Pole in 1775. Cut down at night by the Tories, it was again constructed and filled with nails, spikes and slugs. The butt, filled with slugs, was dug up by William M. Lynes in 1860.
- 18 Under command of Major General James Agnew, a strong detachment of British mounted the rocky ledge at this point. At a distance of only twenty yards a whole platoon fired simultaneously at General Benedict Arnold, whose horse was killed. Arnold was unharmed and drawing his pistol shot a Tory who attempted to make him prisoner. The General then escaped with the last of his men to a nearby swamp.
- 19 A barricade formed of earth, rocks, ox-carts, lumber and rails, was hastily raised here by the Americans under command of General Silliman and General Arnold. On the east it was joined to the old Stebbins house, and on the left flank to the rocky ledge, formerly higher than it is at the present time. This was the third and principal engagement in the British invasion. Officers other than Silliman and Arnold were Colonel Gould, who was killed, Colonel Philip Burr Bradley, Colonel Lamb and Lieutenant Colonel Eleazer Oswald.
- 19a The Stebbins house, which formerly stood here, was built in 1727 by Benjamin Stebbins, who as a youth was a participant in the massacre in Deerfield, Massachusetts, his native town. During the Battle of Ridgefield, Benjamin Stebbins, aged eighty-six, sat in the attic where a bullet passed close to his head and ripped a long hole in the bedroom door. The building was scarred with cannon shot and bullet holes, in many instances the bullets were plainly visible embedded in the timbers. The house was used as a hospital for the wounded American and British soldiers.



STATE SEAL

To RIDGEBURY (See Inset) →

25 Isaac Keeler's Mill  
burned by British

MAMAMASCO LAKE

First Engagement

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Second Engagement

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General Wooster shot here

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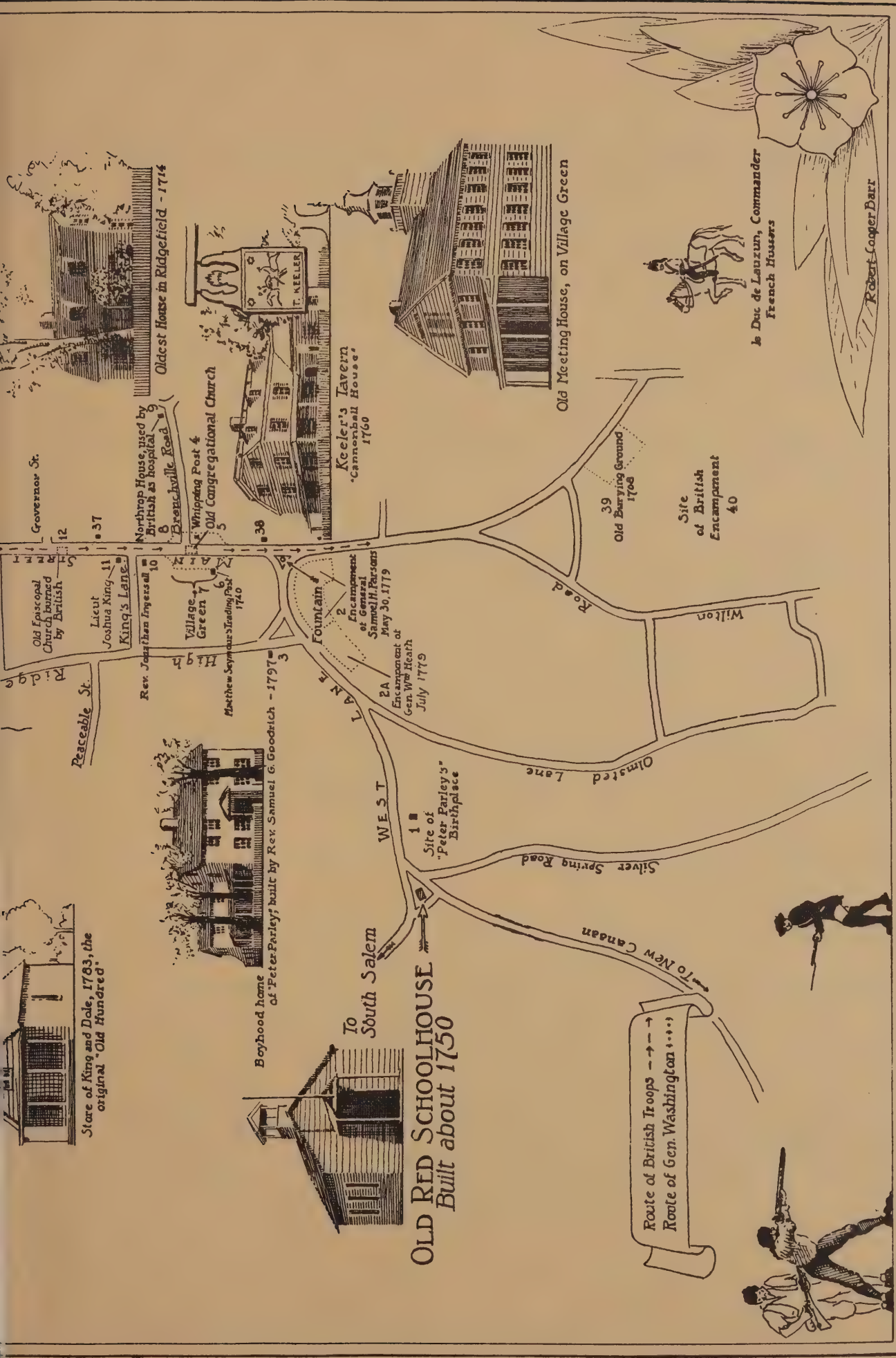
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RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT, FOUNDED 1708

- 20 The old Town Burying Ground in Titicus was established January 27th, 1735, by vote of a Town Meeting.
- 21 Settler's Rock. Five of the first proprietors of the township, who came to Ridgefield on an exploring expedition, camped upon this rock for the night.
- 22 On this exact spot General Wooster fell from his horse, mortally wounded at the second engagement of the Battle of Ridgefield, April 27th, 1777.
- 23 Here started the second engagement of the battle which ended further south in the mortal wounding of General Wooster, mentioned in the preceding paragraph.
- 24 On this flat General Wooster attacked the rearguard of the British force under General Tryon on their retreat from Danbury, capturing forty prisoners. This was the first engagement of the battle.
- 25 At this point on the outlet of Lake Mamanasco stood the saw-mill and grist-mill of Isaac Keeler, in which were stored large quantities of flour and Indian corn. The mill was burned by the British on the 27th of April, 1777.
- 26 Over this highway on September 18th, 1780 General Washington and his aides with 22 dragoons, passed on their way from Peekskill to meet the Chevalier de Rochambeau, Commander of the French Army, and Admiral de Ternay, Commander of the French Navy, in conference at Hartford. Accompanied by General Lafayette, Colonel Alexander Hamilton, General Henry Knox, Surgeon General McHenry and Count de Gouvion of the French Engineers, the party remained overnight at the Ensign Keeler Tavern in Ridgebury. This was Washington's third trip into Connecticut. In the morning they proceeded to Litchfield, passing through Danbury, Newtown, Southbury, Woodbury and Bethlehem.
- 27 On this ridge encamped for the night of July 1st, 1781 the legion of 600 Hussars under the Duke de Lauzun.
- 28 Two homes of Captain Henry Whitney, a tanner, stood on this plot. The present house was erected in 1782. Captain Whitney saw active service in the Revolutionary War. The French Hussars, camping on the hill west of the house, July 1st, 1781, baled the springs, used in conjunction with the tannery, and secured hundreds of frogs for their evening meal. Samuel A. Coe, a Civil War veteran, has lived in this house for forty-eight years.
- 29 During the Revolution the store of Captain Daniel Coley stood on this spot. The French army pay-carts, under heavy guard were stationed in front of this store during the night of July 1st, 1781.

(See No. 34.)



- 30 On this site stood the dwelling (later the home of Dr. Burr) where General Washington and General Lafayette passed the night of September 18th, 1780, en route to Hartford.
- 31 This edifice, the Congregational Church of the Second Parish of Ridgefield, was built in 1769. Parts of a former church which stood below the triangle on the cross-roads were used in its construction.
- 32 The Ensign Samuel Keeler Tavern stood near this spot. It was the headquarters of General Washington, whose aides and body-guard here spent the night of September 18th, 1780.
- 33 The present dwelling, erected about 1730, a tavern in Colonial days, is the second oldest house in Ridgefield. From the original owners, the Keeler family, it descended to the Desmond family, who reside here. This tavern was a noted stage-coach station. The entrance door for the stage-coaches was 24 feet wide.
- 34 On this ridge was Camp No. 11 of the French Army. Here 3600 infantry and 600 artillery camped July 1-2, 1781 on their march from Newport to the Hudson River.
- 35 The entrance to Bogus Road is at this point. On the retreat from Danbury part of the British column, including the artillery, used this road.
- 36 Sarah Bishop, the hermitess, lived in a cave on West Mountain near the New York State line. She came from Long Island, where her home was burned by the British and the family mistreated. She died in 1810 and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Episcopal Cemetery in North Salem.
- 37 This edifice, built in 1783, though enlarged since Colonial days, was the store of King and Dole, both lieutenants in Sheldon's Dragoons.
- 38 This house, the Keeler Tavern, erected about 1760 by Timothy Keeler, is the principal building of historic interest in Ridgefield. It was noted through-out the country as the stopping place of many distinguished men. A cannon-ball fired by the British at the Battle of Ridgefield, April 27th, 1777, still is imbedded in the northeast corner of this ancient dwelling.
- 39 This is the ancient Burying-Yard which "was laid out" by the First Proprietors of Ridgefield in a Town Meeting held in Norwalk "November ye 25, 1708."
- 40 The British troops after the Battle of Ridgefield bivouacked for the night on this ridge. The next morning they set fire to a nearby house presumably as a signal to the ships at Compo. A cannon-ball fired from this camp is still to be seen lodged in the Colonel Samuel Scott house on the Wilton line.







Gardens at the Keeler Tavern, Ridgefield, Conn.





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William Bradford (1590-1657), an early governor of Plymouth Colony

NEW ENGLAND, more so than any other region, holds the key to the making of America. To its colonists can be traced quintessential American qualities: regard for religion, respect for education, relish for work, and restlessness of spirit. New England's colonial heritage helped lay the foundations of American democracy, and in New England's founding industrialists can be seen the entrepreneurship that figured strongly in making the United States preeminent among manufacturing nations.

Not until early in the 1600s did European powers establish tenuous claims to validate long-standing charter claims (map 1). New England's population, although tiny, soon exceeded that of New France and New Netherlands combined. A seed of permanent English colonization germinated at Plymouth in 1620; a decade later a convoy of English Puritans landed at Salem (map 2). By the mid-1600s more than 15,000 religious exiles had stepped ashore in the Great Migration. In time and with the influence of newcomers—Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, Quakers, and others—New Englanders shed their Puritan mantle, becoming independent-spirited Yankees.

Britain's triumph over France in 1763 caused great shifts of peoples (map 3), and the war for American independence brought further up-

heavals (inset map). Former colonies settled boundary disputes, and in 1791 the independent republic of Vermont joined the Union as the 14th state. Footloose Yankees continued streaming west and north, seeking fertile lands beyond the confines of the region.

As a new century turned, so mill wheels began turning in the Northeast (map 4). New England had the ingredients for industrial success: abundant water power and capital, a trainable labor force, and a wealth of inventors and entrepreneurs.

European and Canadian immigrants provided muscle for strong growth through the late 1800s (map 5). After World War I, textile production fell while that of the South rose, and shoe manufacturers moved to the Midwest. In the 1930s the Great Depression made bad times worse. Between 1919 and 1939 almost 400,000 workers lost their jobs—eight times the rate of decline in the rest of the nation.

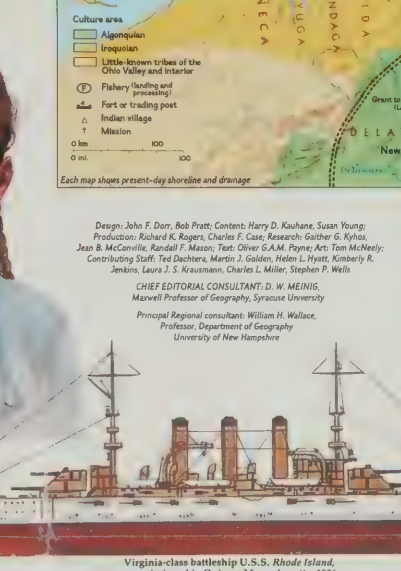
World War II fostered an electronics boom spearheaded by New England (map 6). By 1960, when John F. Kennedy's election as President signaled the dying embers of tension between Irish Catholics and Yankee Protestants, New England brainpower was sparking a high-tech wildfire. Today's vitality draws from a legacy of educational excellence reaching back to the Puritan era.



Samuel Slater's cotton mill



Irish immigrant girls



Virginia-class battleship U.S.S. Rhode Island, commissioned in Quincy, Massachusetts, 1906

## 3 1760-1800 GREATER NEW ENGLAND

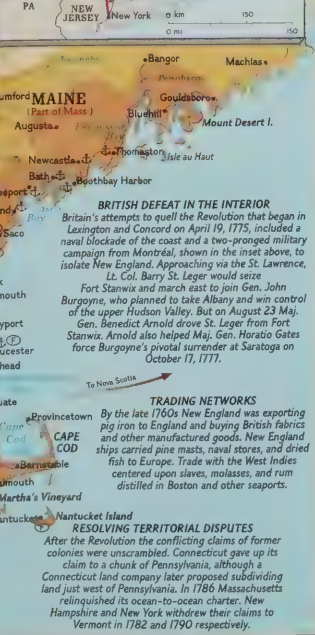
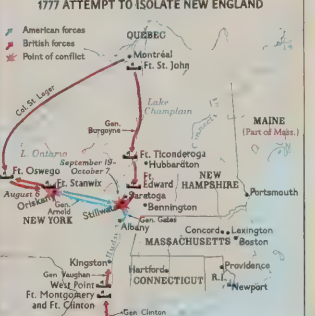
AFTER BRITAIN and France made peace in 1763, emigration to Nova Scotia quickened. New England had become overcrowded, and the British expulsion of French Acadians from Nova Scotia had made farmlands available. Yankees soon formed more than two-thirds of Nova Scotia's 18,000 people. Yankee pioneers also ventured up the Maine coast and into the upper Connecticut Valley. New Hampshire encouraged settlement in Green Mountain valleys, also claimed by New York. A Connecticut company planted a colony in the heart of Pennsylvania, around Wilkes-Barre, and in 1774 Connecticut annexed this area.

After the close of the Revolution in 1783, tens of thousands of British Loyalists left for Lower Canada. The shortage of arable land in New England, heavy taxes, and sheer wanderlust stimulated even greater Yankee migration. Eastern

Massachusetts lost settlers to Maine, whose pristine wilderness also drew families from New Hampshire. With the Canadian government encouraging immigration, farmers—along with merchants, millers, and innkeepers—surged north across the international boundary in the 1790s.

To the west, the Mohawk Valley channeled pioneers to Utica, New York; from there many proceeded along the Genesee Road to the Finger Lakes country. Although speculators had locked up huge tracts in western New York and the Ohio country, these touted frontiers enticed hordes. After investors acquired prime territory around the Genesee River, Massachusetts and Connecticut succumbed to "Genesee fever," which spread when blocks were offered to "the industrious yeomanry of Vermont and New Hampshire."

By 1800 the restless Yankees had impressed their cultural and commercial stamp upon a region far greater than New England, whose core cities were then crossing into the industrial age.



## 4 1800-1860 INDUSTRIAL HIVE

THOMAS JEFFERSON had hoped in 1785 that Europe would continue to dominate the "general operations of manufacture," but by 1816 he acknowledged that "We must now place the manufacturer by the side of the agriculturalist."

Among those who laid the foundations of New England's cotton-textile industry were Samuel Slater, an Englishman who duplicated the Arkwright milling system at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, in 1790, and Eli Whitney, a New Englander who invented the cotton gin in 1793. In 1814 an innovative factory at Waltham, Massachusetts, was the first to concentrate

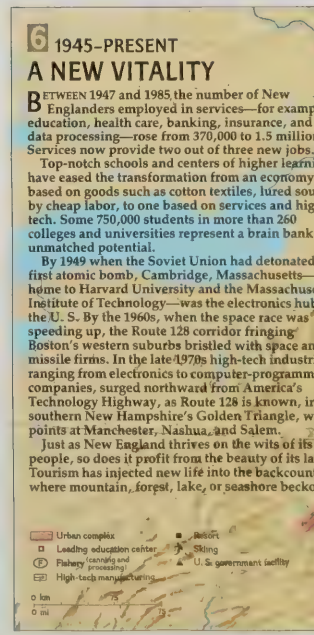
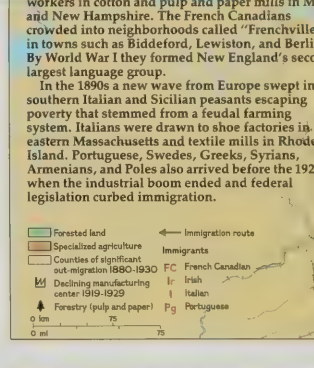


## 5 1860-1945 IMMIGRANTS AND INDUSTRIES

A WRETCHED SEA VOYAGE in steerage was the way out for most Irish emigrants, whose exodus had begun in the mid-1840s when a potato blight spread famine across Ireland. Many landed in Canada's Maritime Provinces and walked to New England, taking jobs as mill workers and farm and construction laborers. Many others disembarked in Boston. In 1885 the election of Boston's first Irish mayor heightened rising tension between the Yankee Protestant minority—the old-stock Brahmins who jealously guarded their economic power—and the poor but ambitious Irish Catholic majority.

In the 1880s French Canadians, unable to make ends meet farming in Quebec, began replacing Irish workers in cotton and pulp and paper mills in Maine and New Hampshire. The French Canadians crowded into neighborhoods called "Frenchvilles" in towns such as Biddeford, Lewiston, and Berlin. By World War I they formed New England's second largest language group.

In the 1890s a new wave from Europe swept in southern Italian and Sicilian peasants escaping poverty that stemmed from a feudal farming system. Italians were drawn to shoe factories in eastern Massachusetts and textile mills in Rhode Island. Portuguese, Swedes, Greeks, Syrians, Armenians, and Poles also arrived before the 1920s, when the industrial boom ended and federal legislation curbed immigration.



## 2 1626-1760 PURITAN COMMONWEALTH

UNLIKE OTHER COLONIAL ventures, the Massachusetts Bay Company was governed not by London officials but by the Puritans themselves. Boston emerged early as the center of a commonwealth reaching beyond New England. Pressure on coastal land, the pull of the fur-rich interior, and religious intolerance—Puritan leaders brooked no dissent—fueled



town building and splinter colonies. In the 1630s Puritan outcast Roger Williams established Providence. The Reverend John Wheelwright fled to New Hampshire to found a settlement, one of four Massachusetts had annexed by 1643. New Hampshire became a royal province in 1680, but Massachusetts continued to rule Maine, exploiting its fish and lumber. The Puritan colony of New Haven joined Connecticut in 1665. As New England larders, Connecticut provided mostly grains while Rhode Island supplied livestock.







GARDENS at the Keeler Tavern, Ridgely, Conn.





# CONNECTICUT USA



The Keeler Tavern was hit by British cannonfire during the Battle of Ridgefield in 1777. A ball remains inbedded in the building which is sometimes called Cannonball House.



The Keeler family was living in Ridgefield when Paul Keeler moved his family to PA in 1795.  
Sarah Keeler married Nathaniel Fitch in PA

Ralph Whitney of Hartford  
b. 1639-40  
d. Oct. 1613  
d. Aug. 16, 1672  
m. 1. Sarah — daughter of Henry

Samuel Keeler  
b. Oct. 1655 at  
Newark, Conn.  
d. May 19, 1713 age 58  
at Ridgefield Conn.

m. Sarah Sention  
d. June 18, 1659  
d. Apr. 15, 1714

Maria Sention  
or St. John  
son of Matthias  
St. John  
m. Elizabeth Sention  
daughter of  
Timothy Sention

Joseph Keeler  
b. Oct. 1683 at  
Newark, Conn.  
d. Nov. 29, 1757  
Ridgefield, Conn.  
resided in Ridgefield  
m. Oct. 1705  
Elizabeth Whitney  
daughter of John  
Whitney, b. 1684  
d. Mar. 17, 1763, age 79  
b. 1684

Paul Keeler  
b. Apr. 27, 1787  
d. 9, 1756  
Salem, Westchester  
Co. N.Y.  
m. 1st — Smith  
2. Sarah Wood  
d. May 30, 1798  
1775  
old Conn.

Cornwall  
d.  
m. to  
Sarah Burr

Cornwall  
Feb 1813

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Conn. by S. B. Perkins  
pgs. 154-155 foot note  
Ridgefield, Conn.  
The Records  
Vol. 1, pgs. 152

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\* Note - This is not the famous Whitney  
Elizabeth Whitney is the daughter of  
John Whitney who was 20 yrs. old Jan. 16  
and Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Richard  
Smith. John Whitney probably died in  
Newark in 1720 as his son-in-law  
Joseph Keeler was appointed administrator  
of his estate Oct. 11, 1720







Fannie (Fitch) Keeler  
 b. July 9, 1800 at  
 New Canaan, Conn.  
 d. Jan 1, 1877  
 Buried in Haverhill  
 Mass.  
 m. June 4, 1840  
 Sarah Elizabeth  
 Fitch  
 d. May 29, 1819  
 near Lippincott  
 d. Feb. 2, 1808.  
 at Haverhill

Sarah Keeler  
 b. Jan 24, 1785  
 Ridgefield Conn.  
 m. Aug 21, 1801  
 d. Feb 6, 1856  
 Falls Township  
 Wyoming Co. Pa.  
 m. to  
 Nathaniel Fitch  
 b. Feb 12, 1781  
 d. Sept 14, 1839  
 Falls Township  
 Wyoming Co. Pa.

Paul Keeler Jr.  
 b. abt. Apr. 9, 1756  
 Ridgefield, Conn.  
 E. Fitch Pa.  
 May 1811  
 m. Feb. 7, 1775  
 Ridgefield Conn.

Sarah Cornwall  
 b. —  
 d. after 1813

Paul Keeler  
 b. —  
 d. Apr. 27, 1787  
 Salem, Westchester  
 Co. N.Y.  
 m. 1st — Smith  
 2. Sarah Wood  
 d. May 30, 1798

Cornwall

b. —  
 d. —  
 m. to  
 Sarah Burt

Joseph Keeler  
 b. abt. 1683 at  
 Norwich, Conn.  
 d. Nov. 29, 1757  
 Ridgefield, Conn.  
 resided in Ridgefield  
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 Elizabeth Whitney  
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 b. June 18, 1659  
 d. Apr. 15, 1714

Ralph Keeler of Hart-  
 b. 1639-40  
 d. abt. 1613  
 d. Aug. 10, 1672  
 m. 1. ————  
 2. Sarah ————  
 widow of Henry

Maria Sention  
 or St. John  
 son of Mathias  
 St. John  
 m. Elizabeth Stanley  
 daughter of  
 Timothy Stanley

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This is one of the genealogies in the file of Betty Fitch. Given by members of the Indiana Nathaniel Fitch family in about 1970.

RALPH KEELER: born about 1613, probably in England. Died August 20, 1672, age 58. He married first \_\_\_\_\_. His first wife and mother of his children is unknown. He married second, about 1663, Sarah Whelpley, widow of Henry.

In 1639, by courtesy of the town he was granted a lot in Hartford, Conn. (Memorial History of Hartford, Conn. Vol I, page 248) He must have been a member of the town council as he was on one of the committees who petitioned a move to Norwalk and was one of the first settlers in Norwalk in 1650. In 1663 he bought up land in Norwalk and agreed to build a meeting house 26 feet square. (Keeler-Wood Genealogy by Josephine Frost, pages 1,2, & 3) Children: Elizabeth, John, Ralph, Samuel and others

SAMUEL KEELER, SR. (Ralph 1) born about 1655 probably in Norwalk. Died May 19, 1713, age 58, in Ridgefield, Conn. He married Sarah St. John or Sention March 10, 1681/2. She was born April 15, 1659 and died April 15, 1714. He served in King Phillip's War in the great swamp fight 1675/76 for which he received 12 acres of land. He was a deputy of Norwalk October 1701 to October 1713. He also represented Norwalk in the General Assembly for years. (Colonial Records of Connecticut)

JOSEPH KEELER (Ralph 1, Samuel 2) born about 1683 at Norwalk, Conn. Died November 29, 1757 at Ridgefield, Connecticut, at the age of 74. He married about 1705 Elizabeth Whitney, who was born about 1684. Died March 17, 1763 at the age of 79. He was elected ~~list~~ Dec. 12, 1716; ~~sealer~~ of weights and measures, townsman, town miller, and Justice of the Peace 1735. (Whitney family Vol 1, page 16)

PAUL KEELER, SR. (Ralph 1, Samuel 2, Joseph 3) born \_\_\_\_\_. Died April 27, 1789 at Salem, ~~Westchester~~ County, New York. Married first \_\_\_\_\_ Smith; second, Sarah Wood who died May 30, 1790. (Volume 1 Whitney family, page 30)

PAUL KEELER, JR. (Ralph 1, Samuel 2, Joseph 3, Paul 4) born April 9, 1756 at ~~Ridgefield, Conn.~~ Died May 1813, ~~Exeter, Penn.~~ Married Feb. 7, 1775 at Ridgefield, Conn. To Sarah Cornwell, born \_\_\_\_\_. Died at Exeter, Penn. April 17, 1826. He was trumpeter in Sheldon's Light Horse Brigade in the Revolutionary Army. This brigade was from the state of Connecticut. (Whitney Family, Vol 1, page 76 and Genealogy of John ~~Rockwell~~ and ~~Ralph Keeler~~ and History of Ridgefield, Conn., page 154 and footnote and 1800 census of Exeter Township.)

SARAH KEELER (Ralph 1, Samuel 2, Joseph 3, Paul 4, Paul, Jr. 5) born June 26, 1785, at ~~Ridgefield, Conn.~~ Died Feb. 6, 1856 at Falls Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania at age 70 years, 7 months, and 9 days. Married August 21, 1801 to Nathaniel Fitch I, who was born Feb. 12, 1781/2 and died at Falls Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania (Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society has a copy of the gravestone inscriptions in the Fitch Cemetery, private, Falls Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, deeds book 34, deed dated Dec. 15, 1837, recorded July 16, 1838, he deeded land to son, Spencer Fitch.



KEELER, handwritten copy

RALPH KEELER, of Hartford by 1639/40, born about 1613, died August 16, 1672, married 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Sarah Whelpley, widow of Henry.

SAMUEL KEELER, born about 1655 at Norwalk, Conn., died May 19, 1713, age 58, at Ridgefield, Conn. Married Sarah Sention, born June 18, 1659, died April 15, 1714.

MARK SENTION, or ST. JOHN, son of Mathias St. John, married Elizabeth Stanley, daughter of Timothy Stanley.

JOSEPH KEELER, born about 1683 at Norwalk, Conn., died Nov. 29, 1757 at Ridgefield, Conn. Resided in Ridgefield. Married about 1705 Elizabeth Whitney, daughter of John Whitney. Died March 17, 1763, age 79. She was born about 1684.

PAUL KEELER, born \_\_\_\_\_, died April 27, 1787, at Salem, Westchester County, New York. Married 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Smith, 2. Sarah Wood who died May 20, 1798.

PAUL KEELER, JR., born about April 9, 1756, at Ridgefield, Conn. And died at Exeter, Penn, May 1811. Married Feb. 7, 1775 at Ridgefield, Connecticut, Sarah Cornwall, born \_\_\_\_\_, died after 1818.

SARAH KEELER, born June 26, 1785 at Ridgefield, Conn. Married August 21, 1801, died Feb. 6, 1856, Falls Township, Wyoming County, Penn. Married to Nathaniel Fitch born Feb. 12, 1871/2 who died Sept. 14, 1839 at Falls Township.

NATHANIEL FITCH 11, born July 9, 1806 at Tunkhannock. Died January 1, 1877 at Huntertown, Indiana. Married June 4, 1840, Sarah Elizabeth DeLong, born May 29, 1818 near Tippecanoe, Ohio. Died Sept 2, 1908, at Huntertown, Indiana.

? Note: Burt Genealogy pages 167, 179 by H.M. and S.W., Burt in 1803, pages 183-270.

Note: Keeler Genealogy, History of Ridgefield, Conn., by Rockwell, Page 154, footnote. Ridgefield Vital Records, Vol. 1, Page 152.

Note: This is not the famous Whitney. Elizabeth Whitney is the daughter of John Whitney and Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Richard Smith. John Whitney probably died in Norwalk in 1720 as his son-in-law, Joseph Keeler, was appointed administrator of his estate, March 11, 1720.



# FAST KEELER FAMILIES

## 1. Ralph Keeler and Mother unknown

Elizabeth and James Pickett  
John  
Ralph, Jr.  
Samuel  
Jonas or Jonah  
Rebecca and Benj. Turner  
and Dr. John Hull  
Isabel and poss. Thom. Morehouse

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. John Keeler & Mehitable Rockwell

Daniel  
Elizabeth & Daniel Hoyt  
John, Jr.  
Mehitable & Joseph Blatchley  
& Caleb Hoyt/Hoit  
David Keeler  
Hannah & Gregory  
Sarah & Joshua Hoyt?  
Jemima Keeler  
Ruth Keeler

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. Ralph Keeler, Jr. & Grace Lindall

Sarah Keeler & Nathan Olmstead  
Ralph, Jr.  
Ebenezer  
Rebecca & Ebenezer Hickock

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. Samuel Keeler & Sarah St. John

Joseph Keeler  
Samuel Keeler, Jr.  
Jonah Keeler  
Timothy Keeler  
Benjamin Keeler & Hannah

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. John Keeler 3. Daniel & Hannah Whitney

Hannah & Benjamin Bolt  
Daniel, Jr.  
John  
Joseph  
Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lydia  
Dorothy & Abraham Hoyt  
Dinah & James Campfield  
Elizabeth

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. John Keeler 3. John Jr. & Rhoda Hoyt/Hoit

Abigail 1711

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. Samuel Keeler 3. Joseph Keeler & Elizabeth Whitney

Rachell  
Elizabeth & John Rockwell  
Sarah  
Joseph & Jane Willson  
Martin  
Lott  
Silas & Abigail Elmer  
John & Sarah Northrop  
Paul & Smith  
& Sarah Wood

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. Samuel Keeler 3. Joseph Keeler 4. Joseph Keeler & Jane Willson

Phoebe  
Joseph  
Benjamin & Martha Smith  
Seth  
Ebenezer  
Ezra  
Jane

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. Samuel Keeler 3. Joseph Keeler 4. Silas Keeler & Abigail Elmer

Betty 1748  
Abigail 1750  
Lydia 1751

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. Samuel Keeler 3. Joseph Keeler 4. John Keeler & Sarah Northrup

Sarah 1751  
John 1753 & Pat ?

## 1. Ralph Keeler 2. Samuel Keeler 3. Joseph Keeler 4. Paul Keeler & ??

## 5. Paul Keeler, Jr. And Sarah Burt Cornwall





RALPH KEELER

Elizabeth  
John  
Ralph, Jr.  
Samuel  
Jonas or Jonah  
Rebecca  
Isabel

JOHN KEELER

Daniel  
Elizabeth  
John, Jr.  
Mehitable  
David  
Hannah  
Sarah  
Jemima  
Ruth

RALPH KEELER, Jr.

Sarah  
Ralph, Jr.  
Ebenezer  
Rebecca

SAMUEL KEELER

Joseph  
Samuel, Jr.  
Jonah  
Timothy  
Benjamin

DANIEL KEELER, son of John

Hannah  
Daniel, Jr.  
John  
Joseph  
Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lydia  
Dorothy  
Dinah  
Elizabeth

JOHN KEELER, JR., son of John

Abigail

JOSEPH KEELER, son of Samuel

Rachell  
Elizabeth  
Sarah  
Joseph  
Martin  
Lott  
Silas  
John  
Paul

JOSEPH KEELER, JR., son of Joseph

Phoebe  
Joseph  
Benjamin  
Seth  
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Ezra  
Jane

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Betty  
Abigail  
Lydia

JOHN KEELER, son of Joseph

Sarah  
John

PAUL KEELER, son of Joseph

Paul, Jr.



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## ***Descendants of Samuel Keeler I***

### *Generation No. 1*

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correct

**1. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Keeler I** (Ralph<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> was born Bet. 1655 - 1656 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., and died 19 May 1713 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn.. He married **Sarah St. John<sup>2,3</sup>** 10 March 1681/82 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.<sup>4</sup>, daughter of Mark St. John and Elizabeth Stanley. She was born 18 January 1658/59 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., and died 15 April 1714 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn..

More About Samuel Keeler I:

Estate Proceedings: 21 October 1717, Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., "estate settled and distributed to his sons".<sup>5</sup>

Military service: 19 December 1675, Narragansett fight

Removed: Bet. 1708 - 1712, Ridgefield, Conn.

More About Samuel Keeler and Sarah St. John:

Marriage: 10 March 1681/82, Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.<sup>6</sup>

Children of Samuel Keeler and Sarah St. John are:

+ 2 i. Joseph<sup>3</sup> Keeler, born Bet. 1682 - 1683; died 29 November 1757.

+ 3 ii. Samuel Keeler II, born Bet. 1682 - 1683 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.; died 08 August 1763.

4 iii. Benjamin Keeler, born 1685 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.; died ca. February 1718/19. He married Hannah

+ 5 iv. Jonah Keeler, born 1690 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.; died 24 May 1767 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn..

+ 6 v. Timothy Keeler, born 1695; died 30 August 1748.



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*Generation No. 2*

**2. Joseph<sup>3</sup> Keeler** (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>)<sup>7</sup> was born Bet. 1682 - 1683, and died 29 November 1757. He married **Elizabeth Whitney**, daughter of John Whitney and Elizabeth Smith. She was born ca. 1681, and died 17 March 1763.

Child of Joseph Keeler and Elizabeth Whitney is:

+ 7 i. Paul<sup>4</sup> Keeler, Sr., born 1720.

**3. Samuel<sup>3</sup> Keeler II** (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>)<sup>8,9</sup> was born Bet. 1682 - 1683 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., and died 08 August 1763. He married **(1) Rebecca Benedict** 18 January 1704/05 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.<sup>10</sup>, daughter of James Benedict and Sarah Gregory. She was born 1679, and died 20 March 1708/09. He married **(2) Sarah Betts** 22 December 1712<sup>10</sup>, daughter of Thomas Betts. She died 12 January 1777.

More About Samuel Keeler and Rebecca Benedict:

Marriage: 18 January 1704/05, Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.<sup>10</sup>

More About Samuel Keeler and Sarah Betts:

Marriage: 22 December 1712<sup>10</sup>

Children of Samuel Keeler and Rebecca Benedict are:

8 i. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Keeler III, born 14 January 1705/06.

9 ii. Rebecca Keeler, born 28 October 1708.

Children of Samuel Keeler and Sarah Betts are:

10 i. Sarah<sup>4</sup> Keeler, born 01 January 1713/14.

11 ii. Matthew Keeler, born 14 March 1716/17.

12 iii. Mary Keeler, born 29 January 1718/19.

13 iv. Elizabeth Keeler, born 20 April 1722.

14 v. Hannah Keeler, born 18 October 1725.

15 vi. Rebecca Keeler, born 27 August 1729.

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to the study of the properties of the function  $f(x)$  defined by the equation  $f(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ . It is shown that  $f(x)$  is a constant function and that its value is zero.

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3. In the third part of the paper, we consider the function  $f(x)$  defined by the equation  $f(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt + x^2$ . It is shown that  $f(x)$  is a quadratic function and that its value is  $x^2$ .

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12. In the thirteenth part of the paper, we consider the function  $f(x)$  defined by the equation  $f(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt + x^{12}$ . It is shown that  $f(x)$  is a duodecimic function and that its value is  $x^{12}$ .

13. In the fourteenth part of the paper, we consider the function  $f(x)$  defined by the equation  $f(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt + x^{13}$ . It is shown that  $f(x)$  is a tridecimic function and that its value is  $x^{13}$ .

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16. In the seventeenth part of the paper, we consider the function  $f(x)$  defined by the equation  $f(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt + x^{16}$ . It is shown that  $f(x)$  is a sexdecimic function and that its value is  $x^{16}$ .



**5. Jonah<sup>3</sup> Keeler** (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>)<sup>11</sup> was born 1690 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., and died 24 May 1767 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.. He married **(1) Sarah** \_\_\_\_\_ Aft. 1713. He married **(2) Ruth Smith** 05 November 1713 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.. She died 01 November 1734 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn..

More About Jonah Keeler and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_:

Marriage: Aft. 1713

More About Jonah Keeler and Ruth Smith:

Marriage: 05 November 1713, Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.

Child of Jonah Keeler and Ruth Smith is:

+ 16 i. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Keeler, born Bet. 1715 - 1716.

**6. Timothy<sup>3</sup> Keeler** (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>) was born 1695, and died 30 August 1748. He married **(1) Abigail Osborn** 19 May 1720. She died 24 November 1735. He married **(2) Sarah Allen** 10 November 1736 in West Parish, Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., daughter of Gideon Allen, Lt..

More About Timothy Keeler:

Removed: 1708, Ridgefield, Conn.

More About Timothy Keeler and Abigail Osborn:

Marriage: 19 May 1720

More About Timothy Keeler and Sarah Allen:

Marriage: 10 November 1736, West Parish, Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn.

Child of Timothy Keeler and Abigail Osborn is:

17 i. 9chldTimothy<sup>4</sup> Keeler.

### *Generation No. 3*

**7. Paul<sup>4</sup> Keeler, Sr.** (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>) was born 1720.

Wm. Cornwall - SARAH BURT  
SARAH BURT - SARAH BELDEN  
SARAH BURT CORNWALL

Child of Paul Keeler, Sr. is:

+ 18 i. Paul<sup>5</sup> Keeler, Jr., born 09 April 1746 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn.; died 1812 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn..

**16. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Keeler** (Jonah<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>) was born Bet. 1715 - 1716. He married **Mary** \_\_\_\_\_.

Child of Samuel Keeler and Mary \_\_\_\_\_ is:

+ 19 i. Sarah<sup>5</sup> Keeler, born 03 December 1734 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn..

#### *Generation No. 4*

**18. Paul<sup>5</sup> Keeler, Jr.** (Paul<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>) was born 09 April 1746 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn.<sup>12</sup>, and died 1812 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn.<sup>12</sup>. He married **Sarah Burt Cornwell** 07 February 1775 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn., daughter of William Cornwell and Sarah Burt. She was born in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn..

Notes for Paul Keeler, Jr.:

19 Feb. 2002, email received from Betty Lou Fitch states: "Found one thing the other day on the Wyoming Co., PA Website. The head of the WCHS has on the site newspaper articles from 1796 to 1815. I have copied some of them as they were put on the web site so keep going back. But I had

not read any of the 1812 to 1815 which she has on there now. Though there is not a lot about the Fitch family there occasionally I do run across a Fitch, or Keeler, or some relative.

Got right up to the end of 1815 and there it says "John Fitch died in Tunkhannock, aged 78 (no date). However there is a date on the newspaper so we can be pretty sure he did die in 1815 from that. We always heard that he had gone back to CT and left the boys in charge of the farm and that he died

there. However, from the wording of this, I believe that he probably died right there at his home and I doubt they sent him back to CT. It wasn't all that easy in those days and they weren't the rich folks so suppose they buried him right there on the farm. But apparently no stones remained for him or his wife, Mary, as none was ever named. Then of course the 78 years gave us a better birthdate on John. Meaning he would have been born about 1737 which is about 3 to 8 years earlier than we thought he was. But in checking with the other facts about him, it does all fit in.....his mother's age, etc.



1. The first part of the paper is devoted to the study of the

properties of the function  $f(x)$  defined by the equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt$$

or, equivalently,

the function  $f(x)$  is defined by the equation  $f(x) = \arctan x$ . It is well known that the function  $f(x)$  is odd, i.e.,  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , and that it is bounded on the whole real line, i.e.,  $|f(x)| < \frac{\pi}{2}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, the function  $f(x)$  is strictly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and its range is the interval  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

It is also known that the function  $f(x)$  is concave down on  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e.,  $f''(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . This can be seen by differentiating the equation  $f(x) = \arctan x$  twice, which yields  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  and  $f''(x) = -\frac{2x}{(1+x^2)^2}$ . Since  $f''(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , the function  $f(x)$  is concave down on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Finally, it is worth noting that the function  $f(x)$  is a solution of the differential equation  $y' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  with the initial condition  $y(0) = 0$ .

In the second part of the paper, we study the properties of the function  $g(x)$  defined by the equation  $g(x) = \int_0^x \frac{t}{1+t^2} dt$ . It is easy to see that the function  $g(x)$  is even, i.e.,  $g(-x) = g(x)$ , and that it is bounded on the whole real line, i.e.,  $|g(x)| < \frac{\pi^2}{8}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, the function  $g(x)$  is strictly increasing on  $(0, \infty)$  and strictly decreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$ , and its range is the interval  $(0, \frac{\pi^2}{8})$ .

It is also known that the function  $g(x)$  is concave up on  $(0, \infty)$  and concave down on  $(-\infty, 0)$ , i.e.,  $g''(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  and  $g''(x) < 0$  for  $x < 0$ . This can be seen by differentiating the equation  $g(x) = \int_0^x \frac{t}{1+t^2} dt$  twice, which yields  $g'(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$  and  $g''(x) = \frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}$ . Since  $g''(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  and  $g''(x) < 0$  for  $x < 0$ , the function  $g(x)$  is concave up on  $(0, \infty)$  and concave down on  $(-\infty, 0)$ .

I think we always assumed he must have been buried in CT as there are tombstones for others who died that early in the history of the place. Paul Keeler died in 1812 and he has a tombstone. Oh well, a little at a time.

The newspaper also reported on Paul Keeler's death in 1812 and said he was 66 years old so was born 1746/47 and not the 1756 we previously had. That was taken from the History of Ridgefield, but am not quite sure where the author found the date as it is not found in the vital records of the town of

Ridgefield. We felt that was too late because of the fact that he and his sister were of the first wife, and the first child of the second wife was baptised in 1752 so we knew the 1756 could not be correct.

Sometimes I wonder if maybe the old records haven't just been read wrong, dim and fading away and fancy numbers. Sometimes it really is hard to read!!! "

#### More About Paul Keeler, Jr.:

Military service: trumpeter, Revolutionary War, in Sheldon's Light Horse Brigade

#### More About Paul Keeler and Sarah Cornwell:

Marriage: 07 February 1775, Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn.

#### Child of Paul Keeler and Sarah Cornwell is:

20 i. Sarah<sup>6</sup> Keeler<sup>13</sup>, born 26 June 1785 in Ridgefield, Conn.; died 06 February 1856 in Falls Township, Wyoming Co., Pa.. She married Nathaniel Fitch I<sup>14,15,16</sup> 29 August 1801 in Falls Township, Wyoming Co., Pa.; born 02 February 1782 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.; died 14 September 1839 in Falls Township, Wyoming Co., Pa..

More About Sarah Keeler:

Burial: Fitch Cemetery, Falls Twp., Pa.

More About Nathaniel Fitch I:

Burial: Fitch Cemetery, at homestead, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Ind.

Census: See Pedigree # 1889<sup>17</sup>

More About Nathaniel Fitch and Sarah Keeler:

Marriage: 29 August 1801, Falls Township, Wyoming Co., Pa.

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**19. Sarah<sup>5</sup> Keeler** (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Jonah<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Ralph<sup>1</sup>) was born 03 December 1734 in Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn.. She married **Jonathan Gates<sup>18</sup>**, son of Samuel Gates and Rachael Hayes. He was born 05 December 1734 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and died 06 January 1803 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn..

Child of Sarah Keeler and Jonathan Gates is:

21 i. Stephen<sup>6</sup> Gates<sup>19</sup>, born 31 December 1767 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn.; died 21 April 1812 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn.. He married Mary Abbott<sup>20</sup>, born 1767 in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn. (probable).

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**Post Date:** January 07, 2003 at 08:01:02

**Message URL:** <http://genforum.genealogy.com/keeler/messages/890.html>

**Forum:** Keeler Family Genealogy Forum

**Forum URL:** <http://genforum.genealogy.com/keeler/>

This is the family you are looking for in the 1880 US Census

George J. KEELER Self M Male W 28 NY Painter NY NY  
Josephine E. KEELER Wife M Female W 36 NY Keeps House NY NY  
Edward KEELER Son S Male W 7 NY Home NY NY  
Fredrick KEELER Son S Male W 4 NY Home NY NY  
George J. KEELER Son S Male W 3 NY Home NY NY  
Walter KEELER Son S Male W 1 NY Home NY NY

Source Information:

Census Place Harrison, Westchester, New York  
Family History Library Film 1254946  
NA Film Number T9-0946  
Page Number 387B

If you go to the LDS Family Search site and type in under the first name slot Walter Keeler and then in the next name slot George Keeler and click search you will see two entries. Click on the second entry and then click on HOUSEHOLD and you will see the listing I have above for the family. You can click on each individual and see more information, birth year..... remember these are approx. birth year, they could be a year off depending on what month they were born.

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**Subject:** KEELER - JOHN J. (et.el.)born in NY-CT

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**Forum:** Keeler Family Genealogy Forum

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KEELER: I am searching for data on the following and ancestors and descendants... John J. Keeler h/o Catherine Welsh/ch both born about 1820's NY; George John Keeler h/o Josephine E. Turner both born about 1850's NY; Edward Keeler born 1873; George J.(?) Keeler born 1877; Walter Augustus Keeler born 1879; John Newbeurry Keeler born 1880; Thomas Keeler born about 1882; Andrew Keeler born about 1884; Henry Keeler born about 1886. The last seven names had a brother who was my grandfather, Frederick Keeler born 1874 in Greenwich, CT. Walter Augustus Keeler died in Hampton, CT and was married 1)Samantha 2) Violet 3)Roseanne Stewart. John Newbeurry was married to Inez Losee and they had two boys. I am hoping that a descendant of this Keeler lineage will contact me and I can learn more about John J. Keeler/Catherine Welsh(ch). Thanks.





# GenForum

**Posted By:** Carol Roach  
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**Message URL:** <http://genforum.genealogy.com/keeler/messages/863.html>  
**Forum:** Keeler Family Genealogy Forum  
**Forum URL:** <http://genforum.genealogy.com/keeler/>

The ancestry of Smith B. KEELER is well chronicled in Wesley B. Keeler's 2000 version of the "Keeler Family Genealogy" which is available from the Ridgefield Tavern Museum in Ridgefield, CT - this is the link to their web site:

<http://www.keelertavernmuseum.org>

Here is an excerpt from the above book:



p. 196

"Smith B. (Jonah, Matthew, Jonah, Samuel, Ralph) was born 24 July 1799 in Ridgefield. He died in 1886 in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, NY.

He married 4 Aug. 1834 in New Canaan Hannah Benedict, who was born in 1805, daughter of Ezra and Hannah (Comstock) Benedict of New Canaan. She died in 1887.

Before his marriage, Smith worked for his brother, Josiah, in Sherman, Chautauqua County, NY, where Josiah had an ashery. Smith is mentioned in the "History of Chautauqua County" (p. 642) as contributing to the newly formed (1827) Congregational Church in Sherman. He apparently returned to Connecticut, married, and became a selectman in Ridgefield in 1836 and town treasurer from 1837 to 1842. The family later went to Jamestown where his brother Zalmon had a store.

Children, born in Ridgefield:

- 1) Emily Amelia b. 16 Feb 1838, m. 27 Apr. 1859 in Jamestown Archibald Flynn Kent, lived there.
- 2) Charles Smith b. 10 Mar. 1840, lived in Jamestown
- 3) William Andrew Benedict, b. 8 Sept 1842, lived in Jamestown"

Sarah KEELER is also mentioned on p. 13:

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"Sarah, b. 21 Jan. 1710/11, m. 1733 in Wilton Samuel Gregory, b. 22 Mar. 1704/5. They joined the First Church in New Fairfield 29 Mar. 1758."

Her parents are Ralph (b. 1685 in Norwalk, CT) and either, Jemima (no last name), or possibly a former wife, Margaret. If you are interested in either Smith's or Sarah's ancestry and the rest of the Keeler family info., I'd suggest acquiring this book as it has a wealth of further information. It is well researched and all sources are provided.. It is a definitive work!

If you wish to add to these particular family lines, I'm also interested in updates to the genealogy as Wes has passed the collection activities on to myself since his retirement. If you wish to get in touch with me, my contact info. is provided on my web site and you can mail, or email me, directly.

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**Forum:** Keeler Family Genealogy Forum  
**Forum URL:** <http://genforum.genealogy.com/keeler/>

I would like to know where Samuel is buried?? Is it on one of the Norwalk Islands. I always sailed among the Islands as a younster but never imagined.....! My descendency is from Samuel and Sarah St John's son Joseph m. Elizabeth Whitney to his daughter, Elizabeth m. John Rockwell and on down to my ggrandmother, Ella Rockwell, who married Mark James Lefler.

# THEORY

1. The first part of the theory is the definition of the system. The system is defined as a set of elements that are interconnected in a specific way. The elements are represented by nodes and the connections are represented by edges.

2. The second part of the theory is the description of the system's behavior. The behavior is described by a set of rules that govern the interactions between the elements. These rules are often expressed in the form of a state transition diagram.

3. The third part of the theory is the analysis of the system's properties. The properties are analyzed by applying the rules of the system to a set of initial conditions. The analysis often involves the use of mathematical techniques such as graph theory and linear algebra.

4. The fourth part of the theory is the synthesis of the system. The synthesis is the process of designing a system that meets a set of specified requirements. This is often done by using the theory to guide the design process.

5. The fifth part of the theory is the verification of the system. The verification is the process of checking that the system meets the requirements. This is often done by using the theory to prove that the system is correct. The verification process often involves the use of formal methods such as model checking and theorem proving.

# RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT TIME LINE

1708 Lots in Ridgefield To Lay out the town

Samuel Keeler, Jr.	Lot 2
Joseph Keeler	Lot 19
Samuel Keeler, Sr.	Lot 25

1709 Samuel Keeler, Sr. to lay out the plowland

1712 Benjamin Burt, granted land for blacksmithing  
Benjamin Burt from Norwalk  
Paid Joseph Keeler 9 pounds in money  
Benjamin Burt buried in Titicus Cemetery

1724 Joseph Keeler on committee to get boards for doors,  
floors, roof of Meeting House.

1731 Joseph Keeler (and others) granted land because of the New  
York controversy.

1732 Joseph Keeler on committee to settle Danbury town line

1733 Joseph Keeler appointed perambulator to mark boundaries

1750 Lot Keeler given the privilege of seating in the Meeting  
House

1794 Keeler Tavern built by Timothy Keeler, grandson of Samuel  
At least, the license to run the tavern was issued in 1794  
and the old sign was hung to open business.





BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	Spouse	BORN	Died	Age	# child	GR. Parents	Live - where?
1613		8-20 1672	58								England, Hartford 1639 Norwalk - Home lot #7
1.											
2. SARAH Whelpley Heney widow of				1663							
Children				7-17-1673	James Pickett						
Elizabeth Keeler					Hayes						
John Keeler				6-18-1679	Mehitable Rockwell da. of John						Eli, 1678 John Jr. - Rhoda Holt Mehitable
Ralph, Jr.					Grace Kendall						da. of Heney Kendall Sister of Rebecca was m. John Fitch?
Samuel Keeler		5-19- 1713	58	3-10-1681/2	SARAH St. John	4-15. 1659	4-15 1714				Norwalk Ridgefield
Jonah? Jonas Keeler											
Rebecca Keeler	2-9- 1650 Hartford			11-16-1671 <del>7-17-1673</del>	James Pickett						James - 1694 Sarah - 1698
Isabel Keeler				9-21-1699	Benj. Turney Dr. John Hall Thomas Morehouse						
daughter					Fairfield						
Eldest daughter					Benjamin Turney						
					Fairfield						

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1 Ralph Keeler b: in the settler  
 ..... 2 Samuel Keeler d: August 08, 1763  
 ..... +Rebeckah Benedict m: January 18, 1704/05 in Norwalk Records d: March 20, 1708/09  
 ..... 3 Samuel Keeler b: January 14, 1705/06  
 ..... 3 Rebeckah Keeler b: October 28, 1708  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Samuel Keeler:  
 ..... +Sarah Betts b: January 21, 1686/87 m: December 11, 1712 in Norwalk Records  
 ..... 3 Mary Keeler b: January 29, 1718/19  
 ..... +John Lockwood b: February 08, 1719/20 m: April 27, 1746 in Norwalk Records d: 1788  
 ..... 4 John Lockwood  
 ..... +Abigail Taylor  
 ..... 4 Matthew Lockwood  
 ..... 4 Jesse Lockwood d: in "died in New York without wife or children"  
 ..... 4 Phineas Lockwood  
 ..... 4 Seth Lockwood b: in of Goshen, CT.....Dry Hill (Thatcher) property  
 ..... 4 Polly Lockwood  
 ..... +Daniel Hyatt  
 ..... 4 Betty Lockwood  
 ..... 4 Hannah Lockwood b: June 23, 1757  
 ..... +James Smith m: September 14, 1780 in Norwalk Records  
 ..... 5 John L. Smith b: November 05, 1787  
 ..... 5 James Smith, Jr. b: July 05, 1785  
 ..... 4 Sarah Lockwood b: October 05, 1753  
 ..... +Peter Buckout  
 ..... 3 Sarah Keeler b: January 01, 1713/14  
 ..... 3 Matthew Keeler b: March 14, 1716/17  
 ..... 3 Elizabeth Keeler b: April 20, 1722  
 ..... 3 Hannah Keeler b: October 18, 1726  
 ..... 3 Rebeckah Keeler b: August 27, 1729





#	Children	BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	Spouse	BORN	Died	Age	# Child	GR. PARENTS	Lived where?
	Ralph Keeleer, Jr.	3-31-1656	Will 3-23-1716	PROVEN 6-30-1724				Ralph Keeleer SR.					
	GRACE Kindall Sister to Rebecca who married John Fitch							Henry Kindall Rosamond					
	Sarah Keeleer							Nathan 4-22-1678					Nathan
	Ralph												
	Ebenezer							Ebenezer? Hickock					
	Rebecca							Hitchcock					



Lived in Norwalk  
Deputy Oct. 1698

6-18-1679	John Rockwell
	Hannah Weed

② Deacon Zerrubabbel Hoyt

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Inv. Sept. 1672. Thomas Morehouse m. eldest dau., not mentioned in will; Court ordered share paid to her.

Children [by first wife]:

+ John.

+ Ralph.

Daughter, m. Thomas Morehouse, of Fairfield.

+ Samuel.

Jonah, d. in 1674. His brothers John, Ralph, and Samuel, divided Est., 11 Mar. 1673/4.

Rebecca, bapt. at Hartford, 9 Feb. 1650 [1650/1]; m. (1) (rec. Fairfield) 16 Nov. 1671, Benjamin Turney, of Fairfield; m. (2) (rec. Wallingford) 21 Sept. 1699, Dr. John Hull.

Elizabeth, m. (1) (rec. Norwalk) 17 July 1673,\* James Pickett; m. (2) ——— Hayes.

**Keeler, John**, s. of Ralph. Deputy (Norwalk), Oct. 1698.

Son of Ralph, m. (rec. Norwalk) 18 June 1679, Mehitabel Rockwell, dau. of John of Stamford. She m. (2) before 1725, Dea. Zerubbabel Hoyt.

Will 27 Feb. 1718/9, proved 3 May 1720; sons John and David; daus. Elizabeth Hait, Mehitabel Hait, Hannah Gregory, Sarah Hait; daus. Jemima and Ruth Keeler; wife Mehitabel.

Children, recorded at Norwalk:

Elizabeth, b. 19 Mar. 1678; m. [perhaps Daniel] Hoyt.

John, b. 26 Dec. 1682; m. 19 Apr. 1710, Rhoda Hoyt.

Mehitabel, d. at Norwalk, 21 Mar. 1755; m. (1) 14 Oct. 1703, Joseph Blatchley; m. (2) 25 Feb. 1707/8, Caleb Hoyt.

Hannah, m. ——— Gregory.

Sarah m. [Joshua?] Hoyt.

David.

Jemima.

Ruth.

**Keeler, Ralph**, s. of Ralph.

Married Grace Lindall, dau. of Henry, b. 31 Mar. 1656.

He was called son-in-law in will of Nathaniel Richards, 1681; Grace Keeler was called dau. in will of Rosamond Richards, 1683.

Will 23 Mar. 1716, proved 30 June 1721; two sons Ralph and

\* The record says *Rebecca* instead of Elizabeth; but Pickett's wife is called Elizabeth in later records, while on the other hand Rebecca's marriage to Turney is recorded at Fairfield, and she appears as Rebecca in later records.

Ebenezer; grandson Nathan Olmstead; wife Grace; dau. Rebecca "Hitchcock." Inv. 2 Mar. 1720/1.

Children:

Ralph.

Sarah, m. 7 Dec. 1702, Nathan Olmstead.

Ebenezer.

Rebecca, m. [Ebenezer?] Hickock.

**Keeler, Samuel**, s. of Ralph. Deputy (Norwalk), Oct. 1701, Oct. 1703, May 1704, May 1706, May, June and Oct. 1709.

Born abt. 1655, d. at Ridgefield, 19 May 1713 ae. 58; m. (rec. Norwalk) 10 Mar. 1681/2, Sarah St. John, dau. of Mark, b. 18 Jan. 1659/60, d. at Ridgefield, 15 Apr. 1714.

He received a grant of 12 acres in Norwalk, for service in the Great Swamp Fight, K. Philip's War.

Inv. of Samuel of Ridgefield, 17 June 1713; no widow; only five sons surviving, viz. Samuel, Joseph, Jonah, [name omitted], Timothy.

Children:

Samuel, b. abt. 1683, d. 8 Aug. 1763; Lt., Expedition against Port Royal, Aug. 1710; m. (1) 18 Jan. 1704/5, Rebecca Benedict, dau. of James of Danbury; she d. 20 Mar. 1709, and he m. (2) 11 Dec. 1712, Sarah Betts, dau. of Thomas, who d. 12 Jan. 1777.

Joseph, b. abt. 1684, d. 29 Nov. 1757 ae. 74; m. Elizabeth Whitney.

Jonah, d. 24 May 1767; m. (rec. Ridgefield), 5 Nov. 1713, Ruth Smith, dau. of Samuel of Norwalk.

Benjamin, d. 1719; m. Hannah ———.

Timothy, m. (1) at Ridgefield, 19 May 1720, Abigail Osborn, dau. of Richard, who d. 24 Nov. 1735; m. (2) 10 Nov. 1736, Sarah

Couch, widow of Thomas; she was dau. of Lt. Gideon Allen, b. 1 Apr. 1697, d. 10 Mar. 1787 ae. 90.

**Kellogg, Daniel**. Deputy (Norwalk), Oct. 1679, May 1680, Oct. 1683.

Son of Martin and Prudence (Bird), bapt. at Great Leights, co. Essex, Eng., 6 Feb. 1630; d. at Norwalk in 1688.

Winthrop in 1661 mentioned Daniel Kelluck and his wife of Norwalk, and their children John, aged 3, and Sarah, 1½.

Married at Norwalk, in 1655, Bridget Bouton, dau. of John.



	BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	PARENTS	GR. PARENTS	Living where?	
Joseph Keeler	1683 Norwalk		11-29 1757	74	1705	Samuel Keeler	Ralph Keeler	Norwalk	
Elizabeth Whitney	1684		3-17 1763	79	1705	Sarah St. John John Whitney Eli. Smith	Henry Whitney Richard Smith	Ridgefield about 1708	
Children	BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	Spouse	BORN	Age	# Child
Rachael	10-4 1706 probably Norwalk								
Elizabeth	11-13 1708				9-3- 1731	John Rockwell			Mehitable 1738 Daniel 1735/6 Rachel 1740
Sarah	9-22 1710								
Joseph	4-8 1713				1735-6	Jane Wilson			Phoebe, 1737 Joseph, 1739/40 Benj. 1742 Ebenezer 1746
Martin	5-13- 1717								
Isaac	2-26- 1719/20								Given seat in meeting house 1750 - Ridgefield
Silas	12-3- 1724				4-14- 1746	Abigail Elmer			
John	1-11 1726				5-30 1750	Sarah Neethrup			
Paul			4-27 1789 Salem N.Y.			1. Smith 2. Sarah Wood		5-30 1790	



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Name	Born	Bapt.	Died	Age	Married	Parents		Gr. Parents	Liv. where?
						Spouse	Born		
1. Paul Keeler			4-27 1789 Salem, N.Y.						
2. Sarah Wood			5-30 1790						
Children	Born	Bapt.	Died	Age	Married	Spouse	Born	Died	# Child
Paul Keeler, Jr.	4-9-1756 Ridgefield		5- 1813 Exeter PA		2-7- 1775	Sarah Bort CORNWALL		4-17 1836 Exeter PA	To LOXERNE, PA in 1795





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BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	PARENTS	GR. PARENTS	Liv	where?
Joseph Keeleer, Jr. 1713					Joseph Keeleer Eliz. Whitney	Samuel Keeleer Sarah St. John		
Jane Willson					Benjamin Willson Jane			
Children							# Child	
Phoebe	Born 12-24-1737							
Joseph	Born 1-31-1739/40							
Benjamin	Born 5-23-1742				Martha Smith			Martha 1757 Sarah 1760
Seth	Born 6-30-1744							
Ebenezer	Born 5-19-1746							
Ezra	Born 7-16-1748							
Jane	Born 7-24-1750							









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Form MAGO-41—200M—6-35 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Military Affairs		RECORD OF BURIAL PLACE OF VETERAN		Wyoming County	
NAME Keeler, Paul			DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF DEATH
VETERAN OF Rev. WAR			SERVED IN ARMY ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) NAVY ( ) MARINE CORPS ( )		
DATES OF SERVICE 1776		ORGANIZATION(S) Col. Waterbury's Regt. Capt. Gamalick Northrup Co.		RANK Pvt.	
CEMETERY OR PLACE OF INTERMENT		NAME Harris Farm Private Cem.			
		LOCATION One Mile South of Falls, Pa.			
LOCATION OF GRAVE IN CEMETERY Old abandon Cemetery			HEADSTONE No stone- Grave not marked		
SECTION LOT No.			GOVERNMENT ( ) COUNTY ( ) FAMILY ( )		
RANGE GRAVE No.					
INFORMATION GIVEN BY D. of A.			REMARKS Farm now owned by Dean Phipps.		
DATE 6-19-33			F.		
After being Recorded in the County Veterans' Grave Registration Record This card is to be sent to THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for final Record.					





## Pennsylvania Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-1999 record for Paul Keeler

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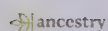
**Name:** Paul Keeler  
**Military Branch:** Army  
**Veteran of Which War:** Revolutionary War  
**Cemetery Name:** Harris Farm Private Cemetery  
**Cemetery Location:** One Mile South of Falls, Pennsylvania

## Source Information

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# Mathew & Deborah cont

dau.	10-5-1760
Mathew	4-10-1762
Jonas	8-2-1764
Hannah	7-27-1766
Dorcas	7-28-1768
Lydia	9-7-1770
Jenah	6-5-1772

## poss. Mathew & Ruth

Deborah	7-31-1786	d. 1788
Mathew	12-9-1787	
Deborah-2	3-20-1789	
Matilda	5-7-1792	
Sally	11-22-1794	
Elixabeth	2-19-1797	

#	BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	Married	PARENTS	GR. PARENTS	live where?	
	2-9-1716					Jonah Keeler			
Samuel Keeler					1-22-1735/6	Ruth Smith			
MARY									
#	CHILDREN	BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	Spouse	BORN	Age	# Child
	Hannah	8-14-1739							
	SARAH	12-3-1741							
	MARY	2-14-1744							
	Abigail	4-7-1746							
	James	6-13-1748							
	Daniel	7-13-1750							
	Nehemiah	7-24-1753							
	'Lydia	5-26-1757							
	Phoebe	1763							
	Timothy	1765							
	SARAH								
	Hannah	1773							
1.	Samuel	6-23-1737			1761	Abiah Benedict			

Samuel + Abiah

Phoebe	2-25-1763
Timothy	3-20-1765
Abiah	12-3-17—
Sarah	11-1-177—
Hannah	1-26-1773



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Jeremiah & Hannah

Hannah 7-6-1765

Jeremiah 12-6-1766

	BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	PARENTS	GR. PARENTS	Livewhere?
* Timothy Keelee	1721 Bridgfield					Timothy Keelee		Probably the owner builder of Keelee's Tavern
MARY					7-19- 1744	Abigail Osborn		
* Children	BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	Spouse	Born	# Child
MARY	1-28 1745/6							
* Timothy	5-10 1748					Esther		
* Thaddeus	4-2 1752					Ruth		
SARAH	4-4 1754							
Abigail	6-8 1756							
Jonathan	5-14 1758							
Jeremiah	5-6 1760							
Hannah	9-30 1762							
Jonathan	12-27 1765							
Benjamin	11-13-1768					Eunice ?		on back

Benjamin + Eunice

Sally 11-25-1794

Benjamin 11-2-1796

David 3-5-1799

Lucy 9-20-1801

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## Children

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#	Name	Born	Bapt.	Died	Age	Parents		GR. Parents	Live where?
						Spouse	Born		
	Levi Keeler	1758				Elijah Keeler			
	DORCAS					SARAH			
	Children								
	Sally	1782							
	Docia	1783							
	Jeremiah	1786							
	Elijah	1788							
	Thomas								
	Joseph	1794							

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BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	Spouse	BORN	Died	Age	# child	GR. Parents	live where?
Elijah Keeler											
SARAH											
BORN	Bapt.	Died	Age	MARRIED	Spouse	BORN	Died	Age	# child	GR. Parents	live where?
4-29 1751											
10-16 1749											
1-12 1754											
1-12 1756											
4-30-4 1758					DORCAS						child on back
10-24 1761											
11-14 176-											
11-27 1764											
12-27 1766											
4-26 176-											
1-14 17-											
Elijah Keeler											
SARAH											
Rebeckah											
Sarah											
Freelove											
Elijah											
Levi											
Enos											
Elizabeth											
Rachel											
Joseph											
Jonah											
Martin											



Leve & Dorcas

Sally	6-7-1782
Doris	2-4-1783
Jeremiah	8-7-1786
Elijah	8-31-1788
Thomas	
Joseph	4-17-1794

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Hy.

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Ry.

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Hy.

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Ralph Keels

Elizabeth, John, Ralph, Samuel and others - (Rebecca, Isabel (?), 1655-1713 & Sarah St. John

Joseph m. Eliz. Whitney 1705  
1683-1757

1706 Rachael  
1708 Eliz. - John Rockwell 1731  
1710 Sarah

1713 Joseph - Jane Willson m. 1735-6  
1717 Martin  
1719-20 Lott (is this Paul?)

1724 Silas m. Abigail Elmer 1746  
1726 John

1748 Betty  
1750 Abigail  
1761 Lydia

1751 Sarah  
1753 John

1750 m. Sarah Noethrop

1737 Phoebe  
1739/40 Joseph  
1742 Benjamin - Maetha Smith  
1744 Seth  
1746 Ebenezer  
1748 Ezra  
1750 Jane

PAUL ? 1722?

Paul, Jr.

Jonah m. Ruth Smith 1713

1714 Jonah  
1716 Samuel m. Mary 1735-36

1717 Ruth d.y.

1719-20 Hannah d.y.

1721-22 Abigail

1724 Abigail

1725 Matthew

1727 Rachel

1731 Lydia

m. Eph. Coley b. 1724/25  
son of Peter

1737 Samuel - Abiah Benedict 1761

1739 Hannah

1741 Sarah

1744 Mary

1746 Abigail

1748 James

1750 Daniel

1753 Nehemiah m. Eleanor

1757 Lydia

1763 Phoebe

1765 Timothy

Sarah

1773 Hannah

Mehitable 10- - 1772  
Abraham 7-20-1777  
Ruth 3- - 1780  
Abiel 3-12-1834

- 1748  
Timothy

① Abigail Osborn 1720-  
- 1735

③ Sarah, widow Thomas Couch 1736

1721 Timothy m. Mary 1744

Sarah d.y.

and Sarah

1727 Benjamin - Martha

1730 Jeremiah - Hannah

1733 Mary d. 1745

1738 Hannah

1741

1765 Hannah

1766 Jeremiah

1757 Martha  
1760 Sarah

1745-6 Mary

1748 Timothy & Esther

1752 Thaddeus - Roth

1754 Sarah

1756 Abigail

1758 Jonathan

1760 Jeremiah

1762 Hannah

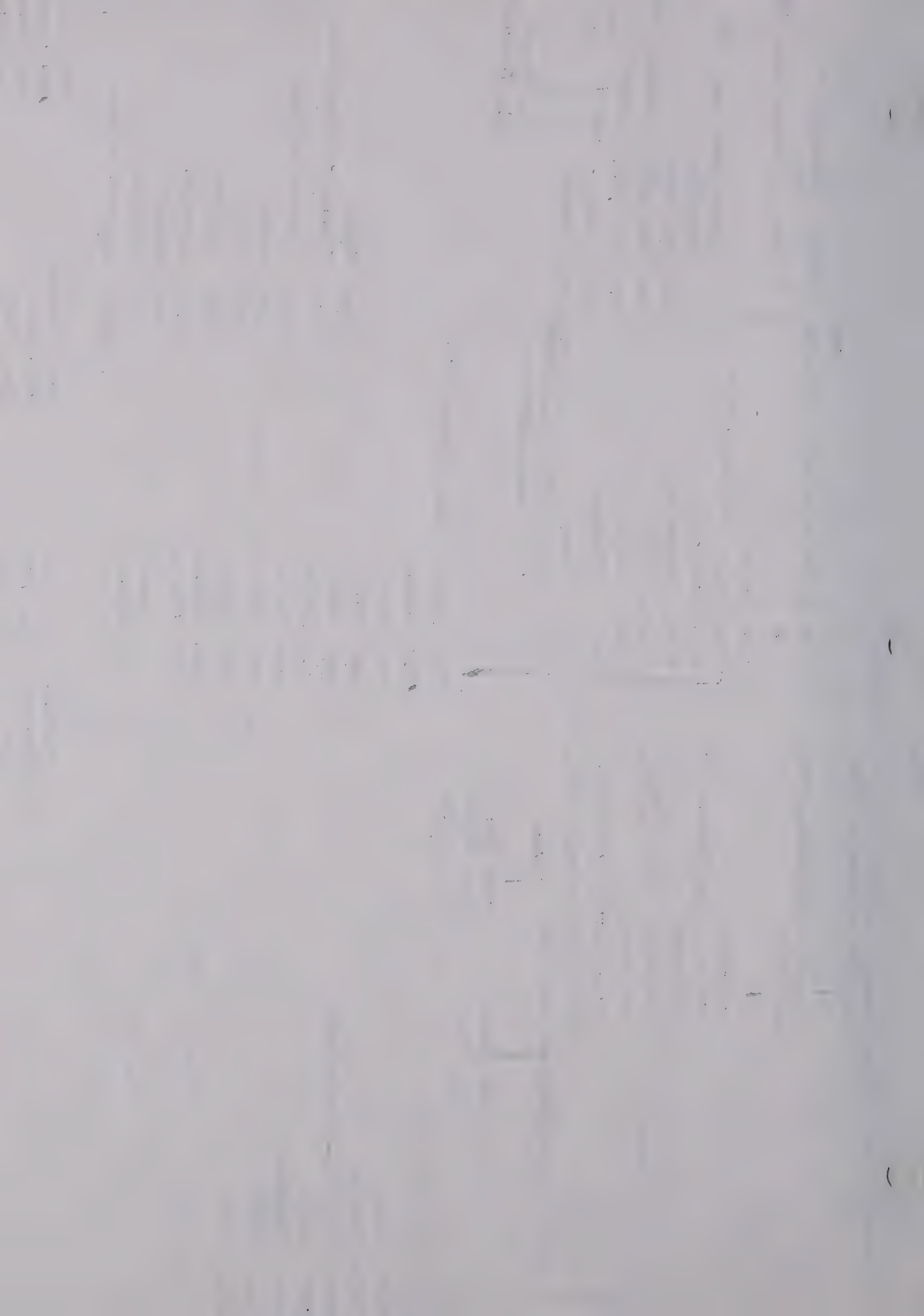
1765 Jonathan

1768 Benjamin & Eunice?

1785 - Thaddeus  
1787 - Harvey  
1788 - Ruth  
1790 - Ira  
1792 - Betsey  
1794 - Amos  
1796 - Solomon Close

1772 Lewis  
1774 Walter  
1775 Esther  
1777 Walter  
1781 Mary  
1783 Sarah  
1785 William  
1787 Anne





Elijah

1726- son

Elijah — Sarah

1749 Sarah

1751 Rebecca

1754 Freeloove

1756 Elijah

1758 Levi - Dorcas

1761 Enos

Elizabeth

1764 Rachel

1766 Joseph

Jonah

Martin

Isaac - Mary

1739 - Isaac

1741 Josiah

1743 Jacob

1745 Elijah

1747 Mary

1749 Gabriel

Ebenezer - Rebecca

1742 Rachel

1744 Eunice

1746 Sarah

1749 Bunel

1751 Rebecca

1753 Samuel

m. Rachel Northrup 1760

1760 - Nathaniel

Isaac m. 1752 Anne Stebbins

1757 Hannah

1759 Dorothy

1761 Chloe

1782 - Sally

1783 - Docia

1786 - Jeremiah

1788 - Elijah

Thomas

1794 - Joseph

Isaac + Hannah

Hannah 11-1-1757

Dorothy 9-15-1759

Chloe 3-21-1761

?



John + Pat

- 1777 Silas
- 1777 Gamaliel
- 1778 Sarah
- 1783 Caleb
- 1785 Abigail
- 1787 Lucretia
- 1790 Anna
- 1792 Lewis
- 1795 Asa

Mathew - Deborah - Son of Jonah?

- 1752 Deborah
- 1752 Ruth
- 1756 Sarah
- 1758 Hannah
- 1760 daughter
- 1762 Matthew - Ruth
- 1764 Jonas
- 1766 Hannah
- 1768 Dorcas
- 1770 Lydia
- 1772 Jonah

Benjamin - Eunice

- 1794 Sally
- 1796 Benjamin
- 1797 David
- 1801 Lucy

Rebecca Raymond 1794 m.

- 1786 - Deborah d.y.
- 1787 - Matthew
- 1789 - Deborah 2
- 1792 - Matilda
- 1794 - Sally
- 1797 - Elizabeth
- 1796 - Josiah Raymond
- 1797 - George Alton
- 1799 - Smith B
- 1801 - Rufus
- 1803 - Wm. K.
- 1806 - Burr
- 1808 - Jonah C
- 1810 - Salmon G
- 1811 - David C

(Probably from Joseph-Eliz. family)

Jabez and Sarah Benedict m. 1777

- 1777 - Esther
- 1779 - David
- 1781 - Martin
- 1783 - John
- 1785 - Sarah
- 1787 - Abijah
- 1788 - Joseph
- 1791 - Jabez
- 1793 - Silas

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Names indicate could be from

Joseph or Eliz. family

John Keeler - Phebe Hoyt m 1767 9-17

- 1769 - John Rue - 1725
- 1770 - Daniel
- 1773 - Moses
- 1774 - Ezra
- 1776 - Prua
- 1778 - Abner
- 1781 - Phoebe
- 1784 - Polly
- 1786 - John Rue 2 - 1790
- 1789 - Rachel

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Johns listed:

- John 1726 + Sarah Nettie (son of Joseph)
- John 1753 + Pat? (son of John)
- children from 177 - to 1795

Must be another John somewhere.

May be from Norwalk John who had John, Jr. m. Rhoda Holt

John Jr. had a bro. Daniel who had a John b. c. 1730 lived in New Canaan





201 Keeler, Jr. & Sarah Dost Cornwall

1775- Nancy

1778- William

1780- Asa

1783- Lucy

1786- Sally - Nathaniel Fitch 1801<sup>m.</sup>

17 URANA

CLARISSA

Abby

1796- Fanny (born in PA.)

MARY

Jonah Keeler & Rebecca Raymonds m. 12-30-1794

Josiah Raymond	8-22-1796
George Alton	12-19-1797
Smith B.	7-24-1799
Rufus	1-18-1801
William K.	2-24-1803
Burr	1-30-1806
Jonah C.	3-29-1808
John G.	2-27-1810
David C.	8-11-1811



to Lois Ida, born, at Keelersburg, Wyoming Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1862, daughter of Heister and Adeline (Sharpe) Keeler. (Keeler family later.) The children of Benjamin Saylor and Adaline (Keeler) Thomson were: 1, E. Roy, born Sept. 19, 1885, died Aug., 1894; 2, Albert Lewis, born Aug. 6, 1887, died Aug., 1894; 3, Benjamin N., born Nov. 12, 1889, died Aug., 1894; 4, Emily, born Aug. 5, 1897. In 1887 he established, with his father, an extensive lumber business at Luzerne, Luzerne Co., Pa. The family now lives near Philadelphia, Pa. The three sons of Benjamin S. and Adeline (Keeler) Thomson died at Harvey's Lake, Luzerne Co., Pa. They are buried in Forty Fort, Pa., Cemetery.

#### THE KEELER FAMILY

I. Paul Keeler was assessed in Eaton Township, now Wyoming Co., Pa., then Luzerne Co., in 1799, 1801, and 1802, as the owner of a one-half interest in a ferry of which Hezekiah Smith, of Exeter, also owned a one-half interest. According to the Tax Lists for 1806 Paul Keeler sold his lands to Hezekiah Smith and removed from the township. His will was made in Exeter, Luzerne Co., Pa., Nov. 5, 1812, and was probated, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 6, 1813. It names his wife, Sarah, and the following children: (1), Anna; (2), Asa; (3), William; (4), Nancy; (5), Lucy; (6), Sally, probably born June 28, 1785, died Feb. 6, 1856, married to Nathaniel Fitch, born Feb. 12, 1782, died Sept. 14, 1839, (Fitch Cemetery, Falls, Pa.); (7), Clarissa; (8), Abbey; (9), Fanny; (10), Patty or Polly. He doubtless came from Ridgefield, Conn., to Exeter Township, about 1795.

II, (2), Asa, son of Paul and Sarah Keeler, was born in Ridgefield, Conn., Oct. 1, 1780, and died at Keelersburg, Pa., July 10, 1867. He was assessed in 1814, in Exeter Township, as a saddler, trader and tavern keeper. He was also, from 1812 to 1867, Post Master at Keelersburg. He was married in 1807 to Elizabeth Newman, born April 28, 1785, died Oct. 1, 1849. His will, made July 10, 1866, was probated at Tunkhannock, Pa., July 16, 1867. He and his wife and many members of his family are buried in the Keeler private Cemetery at Keelersburg, Pa. The children of Asa and Elizabeth (Newman) Keeler were (order of birth not certain): (1), Sally Ann, born 1808, died 1880, married to Almon, born 1808, died 1893, (Warden Cemetery, Dallas, Pa.) son of Nathaniel and Thankful (Forbes) Goss, of Huntington Township, Luzerne Co., Pa., (Family No. 1041—Goss); (2), Asa, Jr., not heard from in thirty years in 1866; (3), Milo, born March 15, 1812, died April 12, 1885, married to Mary E. Gay, born Dec. 20, 1822, died Aug. 29, 1889; (4), Sterne, born April 3, 1814, died Oct. 1, 1878, married to Lydia ———, born Sept. 15, 1827, died June 2, 1881; (5), Nancy, born 1816, died Aug. 25, 1830; (6), Laura, deceased in 1866, married to Thomas C. Hadley; (7), Heister, born Jan. 1, 1821, died April 27, 1887, (see later); (8), Eveline, born Nov. 13, 1825, died Nov. 25, 1895, married Jan. 15, 1851, to John B. Smith, of Plymouth, Pa., born May 26, 1819, died July 19, 1904, (Shawnee Cemetery, Plymouth, Pa.); (9), Betsey C., born March 18, 1827, married to Amos T., born May 1, 1824, died Oct. 17, 1884, (South Eaton, Pa., Cemetery), son of Charick and Esther (Decker) Dewitt. (Family No. 1334—DeWitt). Mrs. Betsey C. (Keeler) DeWitt lived for many years with her son, Hon. Asa DeWitt, banker and State Senator, at Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa.

III, (7), Heister, son of Asa and Elizabeth (Newman) Keeler, was born Jan. 1, 1821, and died April 27, 1887. He was a farmer and merchant at Keelersburg, Pa., and, for a long term of years, was the Post Master there. He was married to Lois Adeline, born Sept. 30, 1827, died April 7, 1896, daughter of Elisha, born near Bainbridge, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1805, died Nov. 25, 1870, and Mary (Bixby) Sharpe, born in Bainbridge, N. Y., June 6, 1805, died Dec. 10, 1859, (Gravel Hill Cemetery, Tunkhannock, Pa.) Elisha Sharpe was survived by his second wife, Sarah A., and Dec. 5, 1870, O. B. Sharpe and S. D. Ingham were appointed administrators of his estate, with F. C. Dennison and M. W. Dewitt on their bond in \$15,000.00. The children of Heister and Adeline (Sharpe) Keeler were: (1), Mary Adeline, born Dec. 11, 1851, married to Henry J., born May 12, 1847, died June 23, 1805, son of Balthsar (born Oct. 25, 1813, died Sept. 9, 1881) and Anna Luchsinger, (born Feb., 1810, died Aug. 30, 1881—West Pittston, Pa., Cemetery), lived in West Pittston, Pa.; (2), Heister Harrison, born Aug. 30, 1853; (3), Elisha Llewellyn, born May 18, 1856, died March 23, 1857;





(4), Asa Sharpe, born May 7, 1858; (5), Melvina Evalina, born April 28, 1860; (6), Lois Ida, born Oct. 5, 1862, married Oct. 16, 1884, to Benjamin Saylor Thomson, (see above); (7), Nellie, born Jan. 25, 1865, died Aug. 1, 1874; (8), Edward Butler, born May 18, 1867, died Jan. 17, 1868. The will of Heister Keeler was made April 27, 1886, and was probated at Tunkhannock, Pa., May 3, 1887. A codicil was added to the will May 10, 1886. Heister Keeler, his wife, and some of their children are buried in the Keeler private cemetery at Keelersburg, Pa.

II, (3), William, son of Paul and Sarah Keeler, was assessed as a shoemaker in Exeter Township, Luzerne Co., Pa., in 1804. He was married in Oct., 1803, to Eleanor, born May 11, 1785, died June 21, 1808, (Roberts Cemetery, near Falls, Pa.), daughter of Samuel and Mary Sterling.\* Their daughter, Eleanor, was married to William Flatt of Monroeton, Bradford Co., Pa., and their son, Dr. William Keeler Flatt, born Aug. 27, 1831, was married, Dec. 25, 1854, to Caroline Matilda Goodwin. (Family No. 1230.) Following the death of his wife, Mrs. Eleanor (Sterling) Keeler, William Keeler removed to Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa., where he was a merchant for many years.

II, (10), Polly, daughter of Paul and Sarah Keeler, was born in Dec., 1799, and died July 15, 1867. She was married to Andrew, Jr., born May, 1795, died Nov. 1, 1880, son of Andrew and Amy (Harding) Montanye. (Family No. 1217—Montanye, No. 992—Harding.) They are buried in the Andrew Montanye private cemetery, in front of his homestead, in Exeter Township, near Lockville, Pa., and on the road leading from the river to Orange, Pa.

#### RUTH (THOMSON) AUSTIN, FAMILIES NOS. 13—(9)

Ruth, daughter of Dr. William and Mary Ann (Urquhart) Thomson, was born in Centermoreland, now Wyoming Co., Pa., June 28, 1868, and was married to Clark Austin, of Wilkes-Barre. They are both deceased. Their daughter, Ruth, lives in Wilkes-Barre.

#### ANN MARIA (SEILER) GARDNER, FAMILIES NOS. 14—(3)

Ann Maria, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Schumacher) Seiler, was born in Forks Township, Northampton Co., Pa., Sept. 12, 1797, and was baptised, Dec. 1, 1797, by the Rev. Thomas Pomp of the First Reformed Church at Easton, Pa. Jacob and Elizabeth (Arndt) Schumacher served as sponsors, at the baptism. About 1807 she removed, with her parents, to what is now Plains Township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was married there, about 1822, to Jesse, Jr., born in 1799, died Dec. 5, 1867, son of Jesse and Martha (Carpenter) Gardner. (See Gardner and Carpenter families later.) Soon after their marriage Jesse and Ann Maria (Seiler) Gardner removed to what was then Providence Township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and, before 1828, settled in Carbondale—the Pioneer City of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He became one of the early merchants of that thriving town and was assessed

\*Samuel Sterling and his wife, Mary Sterling, were living in Exeter Township, Luzerne Co., Pa., as early as 1796, and apparently lived, at that time, in the vicinity of what is now Falls, Wyoming Co., Pa. He was assessed in Exeter Township in 1802 and in the same year his son, Josiah, a Post Rider, was also assessed there. Some of the children of Samuel and Mary Sterling were: 1, Isaac; 2, Josiah; 3, Daniel, born July 8, 1776, died Aug. 25, 1839, married (1) to Betsey Jones, of Buttermilk Falls, Pa., probably a daughter of Benjamin Jones, (Family No. 1328—Jones) who died with her infant child. He was married (2) Nov. 11, 1800, by Lawrence Myers, Esq., of Kingston, Luzerne Co., Pa., to Sally, daughter of James and Sarah (Smith) Sutton. (Family No. 43—Smith—Sutton.) He was married (3) before Jan. 8, 1829, to Rachael Brooks; 4, Eliza; 5, Polly; 6, Denton, drowned in March, 1796; 7, Lewis, drowned in March, 1796—both boys buried in Roberts Cemetery, near Falls, Pa.; 8, Eleanor, born May 11, 1785, died June 21, 1808, (Roberts Cemetery), married in Oct., 1803, to William Keeler (see above, also sketch of Dr. William Keeler Flatt) (Family No. 1230); 9, Ellen; 10, Samuel, Jr.; 11, John, born Dec. 8, 1793, married in 1813 to Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Henshaw) Overfield (Family No. 995—Overfield); 12, Harriet, married June 2, 1812, to Nicholas, son of Paul, Jr., and Elizabeth (DePui) Overfield, of Meshoppen, Pa. (Order of birth not known to writer.)



## KEELER FACTS:

John Keeler, late of Norwalk. Daughter Ruth married Matthew Benedict 1727. Ruth of Ridgefield.

Joseph Keeler - Elizabeth Whitney married 1705

1706	Rachael
1708	Elizabeth - John Rockwell married 1731
1710	Sarah
1713	Joseph
1717	Martin
1719/20	Lott
1724	Silas married Abigail Elmer 1746
	1748 Betty
	1750 Abigail
	1751 Lydia
1726	John married Sarah Northrup 1750

The question here is who and where is Paul Keeler?? The dates are correct for Lott to be Paul. Or could Paul have been born between Lott and Silas. There was enough time for another child in that period. One account of family history says that Paul was born around 1720.

### Family of Keelers:

1. Ralph
2. Samuel
3. Joseph
4. Paul
5. Paul, Jr. came to PA, 1795

Joseph Keeler - Jane Willson married 1735/36

1737	Phoebe
1739/40	Joseph
1742	Benjamin - married Marth Smith
1744	Seth
1746	Ebenezer
1748	Ezra
1750	Jane

Jonah Keeler - Ruth Smith married 1713

1714	Jonah
1716	Samuel
1717	Ruth died 1718
1719/20	Hannah died 1722
1721/22	Abigail
1724	Abigail
1725	Matthew
1727	Rachael
1731	Lidia





Isaac Keeler - Mary

1739	Isaac - Hannah?
1741	Josiah
1743	Jacob
1745	Elijah
1747	Mary
1749	Gabriel

Isaac Keeler - Anne Stebbins married 1752

Children of one of the Isaacs

1757	Hannah
1759	Dorothy
1761	Chloe

Matthew Keeler - Deborah

	1752	Deborah
Son of Jonah	1752	Ruth
	1756	Sarah
	1758	Hannah
	1760	daughter
	1762	Matthew
	1764	Jonas
	1766	Hannah
	1768	Dorcas
	1770	Lydia
	1772	Jonah

Benjamin Keeler and Eunice

	1794	Sally
Son of Tim.	1796	Benjamin
	1799	David
	1801	Lucy

Find 2 Benj. married to Marthas  
 similar children  
 Birth dates differ

1 m Marthas  
 1 m Marthas Smith



Timothy Keeler - Esther

1772	Lewis
1774	Walter
1775	Esther
1777	Walter
1781	Mary
1783	Sarah
1785	William
1787	Anne

Ebenezer Keeler - Rebecca

1742	Rachael
1744	Eunice
1746	Sarah
1749	Burrel
1751	Rebecca, Rebekkah
1753	Samuel

Elijah Keeler - Sarah

1749	Sarah
1751	Rebeckah
1754	Freelove
1756	Elijah
1758	Levi - Dorcas page 498
1761	Enos
	Elizabeth
1764	Rachel
1766	Joseph
	Jonah
	Martin

Elijah Keeler

1726	a son
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Isaac Keeler - Rachael Northrup married 1760

1760	Nathaniel
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1740 - 1820 = 80 yrs.

1744 - 1821 = 77 yrs.

David Morehouse married Thankful Couch, dau. of Solomon  
1764 Milly, born at Weston Conn.  
1768 Elizabeth, born at Weston Conn.  
1770 Sally, born at Weston, Conn.

Benjamin Burt was the first Blacksmith at Ridgefield, Conn.

Daniel Sherwood was the first miller at Ridgefield, Conn.

Henry Whitney was a tanner. He was possibly the brother of Elizabeth Whitney Keeler who married Joseph Keeler, both settlers of Ridgefield, Conn.

Keeler Tavern was built in 1760 by Timothy Keeler. Could be the son of Timothy and Abigail born in 1721 who married Mary in 1744. The elder Timothy died in 1748 and the son of Timothy and Mary wasn't born until 1748 so he would only be 12 at this time. So the logical one would be Timothy who married Mary. Timothy born in 1721, would be 39 in 1760.









# GenForum

*Reg Fitch File*

**Posted By:** Carol Roach  
**Email:** [ceroach@telus.net](mailto:ceroach@telus.net)  
**Subject:** Re: KEELER ANCESTRY OF SMITH B & SARAH KEELER  
**Post Date:** October 14, 2002 at 17:45:02  
**Message URL:** <http://genforum.genealogy.com/keeler/messages/863.html>  
**Forum:** Keeler Family Genealogy Forum  
**Forum URL:** <http://genforum.genealogy.com/keeler/>

The ancestry of Smith B. KEELER is well chronicled in Wesley B. Keeler's 2000 version of the "Keeler Family Genealogy" which is available from the Ridgefield Tavern Museum in Ridgefield, CT - this is the link to their web site:

<http://www.keelertavernmuseum.org>

Here is an excerpt from the above book:

p. 196

"Smith B. (Jonah, Matthew, Jonah, Samuel, Ralph) was born 24 July 1799 in Ridgefield. He died in 1886 in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, NY.

He married 4 Aug. 1834 in New Canaan Hannah Benedict, who was born in 1805, daughter of Ezra and Hannah (Comstock) Benedict of New Canaan. She died in 1887.

Before his marriage, Smith worked for his brother, Josiah, in Sherman, Chautauqua County, NY, where Josiah had an ashery. Smith is mentioned in the "History of Chautauqua County" (p. 642) as contributing to the newly formed (1827) Congregational Church in Sherman. He apparently returned to Connecticut, married, and became a selectman in Ridgefield in 1836 and town treasurer from 1837 to 1842. The family later went to Jamestown where his brother Zalmon had a store.

Children, born in Ridgefield:

- 1) Emily Amelia b. 16 Feb 1838, m. 27 Apr. 1859 in Jamestown Archibald Flynn Kent, lived there.
- 2) Charles Smith b. 10 Mar. 1840, lived in Jamestown
- 3) William Andrew Benedict, b. 8 Sept 1842, lived in Jamestown"

Sarah KEELER is also mentioned on p. 13:



"Sarah, b. 21 Jan. 1710/11, m. 1733 in Wilton Samuel Gregory, b. 22 Mar. 1704/5. They joined the First Church in New Fairfield 29 Mar. 1758."

Her parents are Ralph (b. 1685 in Norwalk, CT) and either, Jemima (no last name), or possibly a former wife, Margaret. If you are interested in either Smith's or Sarah's ancestry and the rest of the Keeler family info., I'd suggest acquiring this book as it has a wealth of further information. It is well researched and all sources are provided.. It is a definitive work!

If you wish to add to these particular family lines, I'm also interested in updates to the genealogy as Wes has passed the collection activities on to myself since his retirement. If you wish to get in touch with me, my contact info. is provided on my web site and you can mail, or email me, directly.

Carol

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Thursday, September 19, 1996 .. After two nights at the Days Inn in Wilkes-Barre we took off for Connecticut. We had our usual egg McMuffins at McDonalds and took off up 81. The scenery was nice with lots of tree-covered mountains and woods. It was rather sparse with people until we crossed into New York. We bought gas and orange juice at Port Jervis right across the state line and the Delaware River. Then across the state to Connecticut. Naturally we got lost in Danbury but finally with the help of some nice folks we found the right road to Ridgefield and Norwalk. We made a stop at a small shopping center and they said, yes, we were in Danbury but told us how to find Ridgefield. So it was not too many miles down the road. This time there were tree-lined roads and stone fences along the way, just like the pictures, but the roads are very curvey.

Ridgefield is a fairly small town and we soon found the Library. They were very helpful and one of the ladies told us she had gone to college in Indiana, and she understood our problem with the roads and streets. She said they just mark the one you are going to cross and you had better know the one you are on! So she told me there was a newsstand uptown and they had a mapbook that was excellent for finding your way around. The place was named Squash's and so I got my maps of Fairfield County which includes Norwalk too.

Then we stopped by Keeler's Tavern and this was a day in which they were not giving tours, but they opened up the gift shop for me and I bought a history of Ridgefield and some post cards. They had some beautiful pottery, but I decided I had better wait because I wanted to get a piece of glass at Sandwich if and when we get there.

So the book was very expensive, but that was one of the things I took money for, history books of the various regions.

It looked like a lovely little town and wished I had more time to check it out, but must be on our way. I had seen Keeler's Tavern and took pictures and that was my aim in Ridgefield.

Then on to Norwalk where we got lost some more. We ate at Burger King and kept looking for Days Inn there. When we left Wilkes-Barre they had tried for us to get reservations in Norwalk Days Inn and they could not get a connection and that they were not taking any reservations. Finally I had Warren stop in front of a carpet store and I went in and asked the fellow if he knew where Days Inn was (as we did have the address and so knew we were on the right street) and he said that we were not lost. It was just that they had changed their name to 4 Points Hotel and sure enough, there it was and they had just covered up the Days Inn sign. However they had remodeled and were considerably more expensive than anywhere we had stopped before. But we were done in by this time and so when she said \$99 I asked about a discount and they gave me 20% Sr Citizen discount. So we got a newly remodeled room on the first floor and it was more deluxe. Even had an iron and ironing board which I used, shampoo, and hand lotion and other nice things. But it still was just a bed and room. But the selection on TV was not as good as we had had.



She had actually tried another place for us and they wanted \$104 for a suite and that was all they had left. We did not go out again. We had eaten late enough that we were not hungry and we had a few things left, plus we had pop, candy bars and some chips I guess. At least we didn't want to out again.

We tried to call home. No one at John's so we left another message. Warren tried to get Maxine at home but there was no answer. It was 8 pm there so assumed she would be home, but maybe she was in the bathroom or something. It looks like their weather at home has been great all week.





Friday, September 20, 1996 ...Got up and got ready to go on. We were not really hungry for breakfast, and so about 8:30 we headed uptown to the Library. We asked questions once at a station and then we found it without any trouble. The Fairfield County Map I had bought in Ridgefield was a great help. They were very helpful at this library and the copy machine worked just fine and they had enough that we could find one to use easily, but they still had no 11X17 size. It makes me really appreciate Fort Wayne's Library. Copies here at least were 10¢ like they are at home. So far the rest have been 15¢ a copy. We spent about 2 hours there and by that time we really were hungry. I should have had more time at this library but did not have time to digest what I copied. Will have to do that at home. I copied pages out of an Edwin Hall book about the history of Norwalk and they said that book had been printed in 1973 and it was possible I might be able to find it. Seems it had been printed for the Lockwood-Matthews Museum so had hopes I might find one there.

We were so hungry because we had nothing for breakfast except some crackers and juice. We wanted KFC but the only one we saw in the phone book was in another section of town and Warren said we should just stay on Main Street and eat, so guess where??? Right, McDonalds. Seems at least they are plentiful up here. They even had them in rest areas along the way (I think it was on the toll roads) along with gas stations, gift shops, and rest rooms. They have it planned so you don't even have to leave their toll roads!

So I had chicken McNuggets and Warren had a sandwich and malt. And of course, I had to have a hot-fudge sundae. One thing about those McNuggets is that I can continue to snack on them for a few hours.

I wanted to see the Lockwood-Matthews Museum so we went back to the library to get the instructions how to get there all over again. We had been up and down the road several times and couldn't find it. Yes, it was back off the road (street) and had just overlooked it. Too many trees and it was on the opposite side of the road. Well we found it. We still had to go around the block once more to be able to be in the right lane to turn into it.

It is a lovely old place, but I did not take the tour. It was in between the tour times and I wanted more than anything to go to the gift shop. No they did not have the book I wanted and had not even heard of it. But she gave me a name of a person to write to if I can't find the book. Hartford is about my last hope. Seems all the towns have histories of their own town and region, but nothing beyond that. So I explored the gift shop thoroughly, bought some post cards, and some "Dover" paper dolls and a book on the Mansion. Would guess that will be as good as the tour.

So then it was time to leave and be on our way on 95, headed for Saybrook for the night. There was to be a Days Inn there. The old East Cemetery was on the way, but we decided that there would be

## KEELER FAMILY IN PENNSYLVANIA

PAUL KEELER, JR. (1756-1813) AND SARAH BURT CORNWALL, married 2-7-1775  
Sold property in Ridgefield to neighbor, Nathan Dauchy

Anna Keeler

Asa Keeler (1780-1867) and Betsey Newman (1885-1849)  
Saddler, tavernkeeper,  
trader, Post Office

William Keeler (1778- ) and Rebecca? Eleanor Sterling  
Shoemaker, merchant

Nancy Keeler (1775- ) and Jacob Drake, Delaware, Ohio

Lucy Keeler (1783- ) and Zuriel Sherwood

Sally Keeler (1785/6-1856) and Nathaniel Fitch (1782-1839)

Clarissa Keeler ( -1850) and Benjamin Townsend ( -1849)

Abbey Keeler and Francis C. Johns  
Ch. Nancy D., Abby Cowles, Nancy Cowles

Fanny Keeler (1796-1854) and Harry Strophe  
school teacher

Patty or Polly Keeler and Andrew Montayne, Jr. (1795-1880)  
maybe even Mary  
(1799-1867)

Urania Keeler and Phineas Sherwood

Paul Keeler, Jr. owned half of the ferry with Hezekiah Smith

ASA KEELER (1780-1867) AND ELIZABETH OR BETSEY NEWMAN (1785-1849)

Sally Ann Keeler (1808-1880) and Almon Goss

Asa Keeler, Jr. (not heard from in 30 years in the year 1866)

Milo Keeler (1812-1885) and Mary E. Gay (1822-1889)

Sterne Keeler (1814-1878) and Lydia \_\_\_\_\_ (1827-1881)

had daughter Elizabeth O. (1846-1890)

Nancy Keeler (1816-1830)

Laura Keeler ( -by 1866) and Thomas C. Hadley, had Eliz. and Heister

Heister Keeler (1821-1887) and Lois Adeline Sharpe (1837-1896)

Eveline Keeler (1825-1895) and John B. Smith of Plymouth (1819-1904)

Betsey C. Keeler (1827- and Amos T. DeWitt (1824-1884)

BETSEY C. KEELER (1827- ) AND AMOS T. DEWITT (1824-1884)  
Hon. Asa DeWitt, banker and state senator

HEISTER KEELER (1821-1887) AND LOIS ADELINE SHARPE (1837-1896)  
H. Harrison Keeler

Asa S. Keeler

Addie L. Keeler and \_\_\_\_\_ Luchsinger

Ida L. Keeler and \_\_\_\_\_ Thompson

H. Harrison Keeler had  
H. H. Keeler, Jr.

MILO KEELER (1812-1885) AND MARY E. GAY (1822-1889)

Charles Keeler

George Keeler

had Frank Keeler

Elizabeth Keeler and \_\_\_\_\_ Frampton

Cory Keeler and \_\_\_\_\_ Goucher

Maggie Keeler and \_\_\_\_\_ Holbert

Fanny Keeler and \_\_\_\_\_ Story





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Asa Sharpe Keeler (1858-1926)  
 Eugenia Snyder Keeler (d. 1932)  
 Paul (b. 1887)  
 Mildred (1888-1923)  
 Alice (by her father) (1892-1959)



Asa Sharpe Keeler b. May 7, 1858  
 son of Heister Keeler + Lois Adeline Sharpe

Paul + Sarah  
 Asa + Eliz.  
 Heister + Lois  
 Asa S.



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# Family Group Record

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**Husband**[PHINEAS SHERWOOD](#)[Pedigree](#)

**Birth:** 1783 Of, , Fairfield, Connecticut  
**Christening:**  
**Marriage:** About 1811 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
**Death:** 04 DEC 1863  
**Burial:**

**Father:** [MATTHEW SHERWOOD](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [MARY MONROE](#)

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**Wife**[URANIA KEELER](#)[Pedigree](#)

**Birth:** About 1792 Of, Ridgefield, Fairfield, Connecticut  
**Christening:**  
**Marriage:** About 1811 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

**Father:** [PAUL KEELER](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [SARAH BURT CORNWELL](#)

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**Children**

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**1. [CHAUNCEY SHERWOOD](#)**[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Birth:** 24 NOV 1812 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
**Christening:**  
**Death:** 24 APR 1898  
**Burial:**

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**2. [SON SHERWOOD](#)**[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Birth:** 1814 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
**Christening:**  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

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**3. [ALMIRA SHERWOOD](#)**[Pedigree](#)

Female

**Birth:** 1816 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
**Christening:**  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

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**4. [VICTORIA ANN SHERWOOD](#)**[Pedigree](#)

Female

**Birth:** 1818 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
**Christening:**  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**



10-10-10  
L@L@C@ü=L@C@C

10-10-10  
L@L@C@ü=L@C@C

10-10-10  
L@L@C@ü=L@C@C

10-10-10  
L@L@C@ü=L@C@C

10-10-10  
L@L@C@ü=L@C@C

10-10-10  
L@L@C@ü=L@C@C

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5. [DAUGHTER SHERWOOD](#)[Pedigree](#)

Female

**Birth:** 1820 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**

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6. [LUCY SHERWOOD](#)[Pedigree](#)

Female

**Birth:** 1822 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania**Christening:****Death:** 24 MAR 1896**Burial:**

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7. [WILLIAM SHERWOOD](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Birth:** 1823 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**

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8. [LOUISA SHERWOOD](#)[Pedigree](#)

Female

**Birth:** 1824 Of, , Luzerne, Pennsylvania**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**

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9. [GEORGE WELLINGTON SHERWOOD](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Birth:** 18 FEB 1827 Of, Falls Twp, Luzerne, Pennsylvania**Christening:****Death:** 29 NOV 1902**Burial:**

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1. Chauncy 1812
2. Son 1814
3. Almira 1816
4. Victoria Ann 1818
5. dau. 1820
6. Lucy 1822 - d 3-24-1896
7. Wm.



Henry Whitney

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Elizabeth Whitney

Paul Keeler

Paul Keeler, Jr.

Sarah Keeler

Nathaniel Fitch II

Mathias Fitch

John Byron Fitch

Otis Bernon Fitch

Warren John Fitch

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Elizabeth Smith, dau. Richard Smith

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1. Smith

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Sarah Burt Cornwall

Nathaniel Fitch 1

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Frances VanDolah

Rosa Belle Hollopeter

Esther K. Doll

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Children								
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Whitneys married into the Keeler family  
Ely married Joseph Keeler, Sarah's great, great, grandfather

Sarah Keeler - Nathaniel Fitch  
Paul Keeler, Jr. - Sarah Cornwell  
Paul Keeler - Smith, Sarah Wood  
Joseph Keeler - Eliz. Whitney  
Samuel Keeler - Sarah Denton - St. John  
Ralph Keeler - D. Sarah Whelpley

Sarah Keeler - Nathaniel Fitch  
Paul Keeler, Jr. - Sarah Cornwell  
Paul Keeler - Smith, Sarah Wood  
Joseph Keeler - Eliz. Whitney  
John Whitney - Eliz. Smith - 11 children  
Henry Whitney - was a miller

law Richard Smith



**Whitney, Henry.**

His English origin is unknown, the ancestry assigned to him in the splendid genealogy by Phoenix having proved false.

A miller; bought at Southold, L. I., 8 Oct. 1649, with Edward Treadwell and Thomas Benedict. He rem. by 1658 to Huntington, L. I.

He m. (1) ———; m. (2) Sarah, widow of Edward Ketchum of Stratford. In 1660 he objected to Joseph Whitman as suitor to his dau. [stepdau.] Sarah Ketchum. He rem. abt. 1662 to Jamaica, L. I., and by 1665 to Norwalk, where he d. in 1673.

Will 5 June 1672; wife; son John; Thomas Benedict, Sr., Walter Hoyt, and Thomas Fitch, Sr., my beloved brethren and friends, overseers. Inv. 8 Nov. 1673.

Child [by first wife]:

+John.

**Whitney, John, s. of Henry.**

A miller; had a grant of land in Southold, L. I., 1666; rem. to Norwalk with his father. He m. (rec. Norwalk) 17 Mar. 1674/5, Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Richard; she d. after 3 Apr. 1741.

Adm'n granted, 11 Oct. 1720, to son-in-law Joseph Keeler.

Children, recorded at Norwalk:

John, b. 1 Mar. 1676/7, d. at Norwalk, 3 Feb. 1712/3; miller; m. 4 Mar. 1709/10, Elizabeth Finch, dau. of Joseph of Greenwich.

Joseph, b. 1 Mar. 1678 [1678/9], d. at Norwalk in 1741; mill-wright; will 21 Mar. 1740/1; m. 6 July 1704, Hannah Hoyt, dau. of Zerubbabel.

Henry, b. 21 Feb. 1680 [1680/1], d. at Ridgefield, 26 Apr. 1728; weaver; m. 14 June 1710, Elizabeth Olmstead, dau. of Lt. John.

Elizabeth, b. abt. 1684, d. at Ridgebury, 17 Mar. 1763 ae. 79 (g. s.); m. Joseph Keeler.

×Richard, b. 18 Apr. 1687.

Samuel, b. abt. 1688, d. at Stratford, 6 Dec. 1753 in 66 yr. (g. s.); m. at Stratford, 18 Jan. 1721/2, Ann Laborie, who m. (2) 23 July 1759, Benjamin Banks of Greenfield.

Ann, b. abt. 1691, d. at Sharon, 9 May 1773 ae. 82 (g. s.); m. 13 Oct. 1709, Matthew St. John.

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Nathan, res. Ridgefield; m. Sarah Platt, dau. of John, b. 30 May 1697.

Sarah, d. at Ridgefield, 22 Oct. 1720; m. 13 June 1717, Samuel Smith.  
Josiah, d. at Norwalk by 1750; m. 30 Oct. 1729, Eunice Hanford, dau. of Eleazer.

**Wilcoxson, William.** Deputy (Stratford) to Conn. Leg., May 1647.

Born abt. 1601; came in *Planter*, Apr. 1635, ae. 34, with wife Margaret, ae. 24, and John (their son) ae. 2. Was first located at Concord. He early settled in Stratford, where he d. in 1652; his widow m. William Hayden of Windsor.

Will 29 May 1651; wife Margaret; eldest son; the rest of my sons; daus.; £40 to be sent to Concord to be ordered as in a letter to Bulkley already sent; overseers, Adam Blackman, Thomas Thornton, Philip Grove, and William Beardsley. Inv. 16 June 1652.

Agreement 22 Oct. 1668, of children and heirs, referring to their mother's marriage; the heirs named in document and signatures were Widow Margaret (now) Hayden, Henry and Elizabeth Stiles, Daniel and Hannah Hayden, John and Sarah Meigs, and John, Joseph, Phebe, Timothy, Johanna, Samuel and Obadiah Wilcoxson.

Children:

+John, b. abt. 1633.

+Joseph, b. [say 1635].

+Timothy, b. abt 1637; Winthrop in 1660 called him of Stratford, ae. 23, and mentioned that his mother was William Hayden's wife of Windsor; in 1658 he called him ae. 20.

+Samuel, b. abt. 1640; Winthrop in 1658 called him 17 or 18 yrs. old, son of "Goody Hayden."

Elizabeth, b. [say 1642]; m. (rec. Windsor) 16 Apr. 1663, Henry Stiles.

Hannah, b. [say 1644]; m. (rec. Windsor) 17 Mar. 1664/5, Daniel Hayden.

Sarah, b. [say 1646]; m. (rec. Killingworth) 7 Mar. 1665 [1665/6], John Meigs.

+Obadiah, b. [say 1648].

Phebe, b. abt. 1651, d. 20 Sept. 1743 ae. 93; m. (1) (rec. Stratford) 11 Dec. 1669, John Birdsey; m. (2) John Beach.

Johanna, b. [say 1653].





# Family Group Sheet

Husband's Full Name John Whitney

Chart No.

Birth Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on C-
Birth					
Chr'd					
Marr	MAR. 17, 1674/5	Norwalk	Fairfield Co.	CT	
Death	1720				
Burial					

Places of Residence Southold, Long Island Norwalk

Occupation Miller

Church Affiliation

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Make separate sheet for each union

His Father Henry Whitney

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1	<u>John Whitney</u>	Birth 3-1-1676/7	Norwalk	Fairfield Co.	CT	son John d.y.
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Elizabeth Finch</u>	Marr. 3-4-1709/10				
		Death 2-3-1712/13	Norwalk			1711/12 - 2-3-1712/13
		Burial (dau. Joseph of Greenwich)				
2	<u>Joseph</u>	Birth 3-1-1678/9	Norwalk			
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Hannah Hoyt</u>	Marr. 7-6-1704				
		Death 1741	Norwalk	Fairfield Co., CT		
		Burial (dau. of Zerubbabel Hoyt)				
3	<u>Henry</u>	Birth 2-21-1680/1				
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Elizabeth Olmstead</u>	Marr. 6-14-1710				
		Death 4-26-1728	Ridgefield	Fairfield Co., CT		
		Burial (dau. of Lt. John Olmstead)				
4	<u>Elizabeth</u>	Birth 1684				79 yr gs
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Joseph Keeler</u>	Marr.				
		Death 3-17-1763	Ridgebury	Fairfield Co., CT.		
		Burial (son of Samuel Keeler)				
5	<u>Richard</u>	Birth 4-18-1687				
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.				
		Death				
		Burial				
6	<u>Samuel</u>	Birth c 1688				
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Ann Laborie</u>	Marr. 1-18-1721/2	Stratford		CT	
		Death 12-6-1753	Stratford		CT	Age 66 gs
		Burial				
7	<u>Ann</u>	Birth c 1691				
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Mathew St. John</u>	Marr. 10-13-1709				
		Death 5-9-1773				82 (gs)
		Burial				
8	<u>Eleanor</u>	Birth 1-27-1693/4				
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Jonathan Fairchild</u>	Marr. 6-13-1717				
		Death 1-25-1777	Norwalk			81-11-19 (gs)
		Burial				
Compiler			Notes: Ref. - Jacobus gs - GRARESTONE			
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Date						



# Additional Children and Sources:

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Wife's name Elizabeth Smith

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on Ch
	9 <u>Nathan</u>	Birth	c	16	97				Lived Ridgefield
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Sarah Platt</u>	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial				(dau. of John Platt)			
	10 <u>Sarah</u>	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Samuel Smith</u>	Marr.	6	13	1717				
		Death	10	22	1720	Ridgefield		CT	
		Burial							
	11 <u>Josiah</u>	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse <u>Eunice Hanford</u>	Marr.	10	30	1729				
		Death			by 1750				
		Burial				(dau. of Eleazer Hanford)			
	12	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
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	14	Birth							
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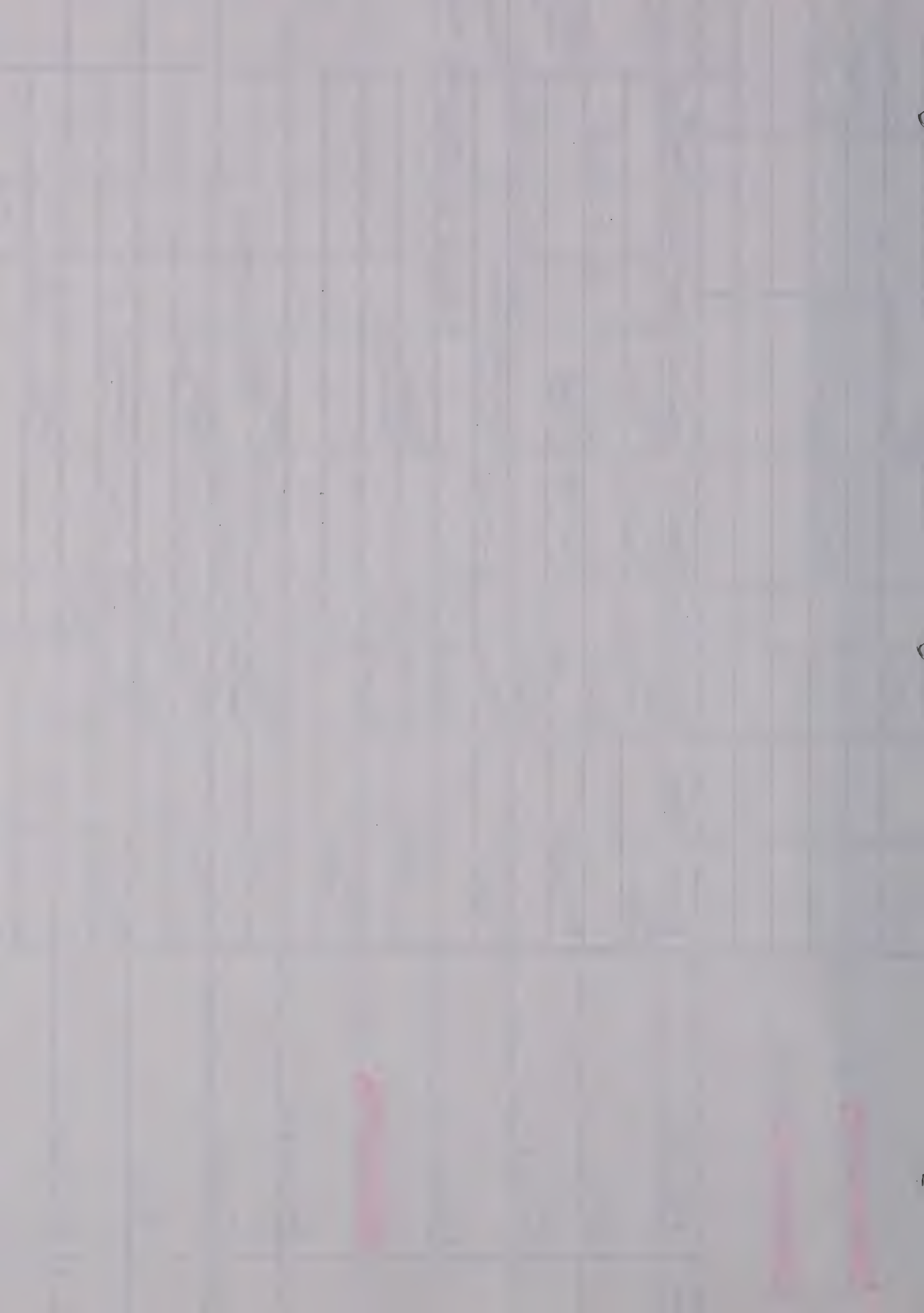




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## WHITNEY IN RIDGEFIELD

Henry Whitne's ear mark is a step on ye forside of ye near ear.  
Recorded Dec. 1, 1712

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Another was at Joseph Keelers at Mamanusqua.

Captain Henry Whitne, a Revolutionary veteran is buried in Ridgebury Cemetery. Probably not be Henry, Sr.

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<a href="#">Mary E. KEELER</a>	Wife	M	Female	W	67	PA	Keeping House	PA	PA
<a href="#">Charles G. KEELER</a>	Son	S	Male	W	31	PA	Farmer	PA	PA
<a href="#">Cora A. KEELER</a>	Dau	S	Female	W	18	PA		PA	PA
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<a href="#">Sarah MINIHOR</a>	Other	S	Female	W	17	IRELAND	Servant	IRE	IRE

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<a href="#">Hendrick B. KEELER</a>	Son	S	Male	W	28	PA	At Home	PA	PA
<a href="#">Adeline KEELER</a>	Dau	S	Female	W	26	PA	At Home	PA	PA
<a href="#">Polly KEELER</a>	Dau	S	Female	W	24	PA	At Home	PA	PA
<a href="#">James B. KEELER</a>	Son	S	Male	W	23	PA	At Home	PA	PA
<a href="#">Layfaette KEELER</a>	Son	S	Male	W	17	PA	Farm Laborer	PA	PA
<a href="#">Helen KEELER</a>	Dau	S	Female	W	15	PA	At Home	PA	PA
<a href="#">Asa KEELER</a>	Son	S	Male	W	11	PA	At School	PA	PA
<a href="#">Evaline KEELER</a>	Dau	S	Female	W	8	PA	At School	PA	PA
<a href="#">Sarah CORBY</a>	Mother	W	Female	W	81	NJ	At Home	NJ	NJ

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<a href="#">Adaline L. KEELER</a>	Wife	M	Female	W	52	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY
<a href="#">Heister H. KEELER</a>	Son	S	Male	W	26	PA	Farming	PA	NY
<a href="#">Aca D. KEELER</a>	Son	S	Male	W	22	PA		PA	NY
<a href="#">Eva M. KEELER</a>	Dau	S	Female	W	20	PA		PA	NY
<a href="#">Ida L. KEELER</a>	Dau	S	Female	W	17	PA		PA	NY
<a href="#">Samuel BARTAN</a>	Other	S	Male	W	25	PA	Farm Laborer	PA	PA
<a href="#">Frank BARTAN</a>	Other	S	Male	W	22	PA	Farm Laborer	PA	PA

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## OBITUARIES - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2000

### Fort Wayne

**DOROTHY E. KEELER**, 79, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Chester J.; a daughter, Susan Andrews of Zionsville; three sons, Laurence H. of Marysville, Mich., John of Yuma, Ariz., and Cary J. of Angola; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Theodore Lantz of Davenport, Iowa, and George Lantz of Fort Wayne. **Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with calling an hour before services. Calling also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials to the church.**





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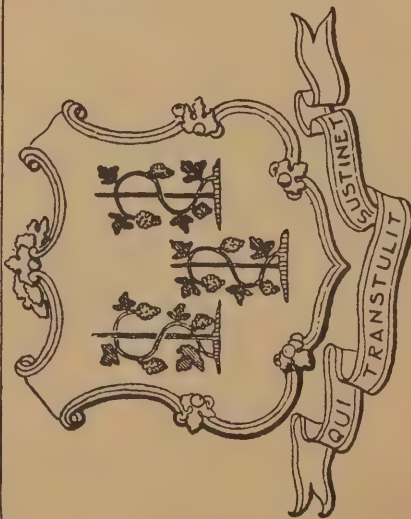
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- NO.
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  - 2a General Heath's brigade encamped here in July, 1779, before marching to Danbury.
  - 3 This house was built in 1797 by the Reverend Samuel Goodrich, third pastor of the Congregational Church. He was the father of Peter Parley who was four years old when the family moved into the new home.
  - 4 On this corner stood the Town Whipping Post, last used about 1798. (Whipstick District thus derives its name.)
  - 5 On this Green, parallel to the street, stood the Congregational Church, with its white spire and graceful Colonial lines. The Society was organized as early as 1712. The second church building was completed in 1800.
  - 6 The Trading Post of Matthew Seymour (Seamor) stood on this lot, which was drawn in the original town "lotterie" November 25th, 1708.
  - 7 The Village Green, originally called the Church Yard, was the site of the first church in Ridgefield, and was used as a drill ground by the militia.
  - 8 This house, erected in 1713, is the oldest dwelling in Ridgefield. It was built by the Reverend Thomas Hawley, the first pastor of the Congregational Church and also the first Town Clerk and Registrar, which offices he held from 1713 to 1735.
  - 9 During the Battle of Ridgefield, April 27th, 1777, as flanking parties of the British army passed the old house which then stood on this site, a woman ran out waving a red petticoat. Taking advantage of the loyalty of this family to the British crown, the house was used as a hospital for the wounded and dying soldiers.
  - 10 On this corner was the home of the Reverend Jonathan Ingersoll, second pastor of the Congregational Church and a Chaplain with Colonel David Wooster, serving in the Ticonderoga campaign of the French and Indian War.
  - 11 The home of Lieutenant Joshua King stood close to the street line at this point. It was destroyed by fire in 1888, the present house being a near replica. Lieutenant King, a member of Sheldon's Dragoons was at the surrender at Yorktown. He also commanded the guard over Major André.

- 12 The first church edifice of the Church of England was erected at this point about 1740. It was set on fire by the British soldiers during Tryon's invasion, April 27th, 1777, and nearly burned to the ground.
- 13 On this corner was the home of Benjamin Burt, who conducted the first blacksmith shop in Ridgefield.
- 14 This lot, number 29, was granted to Daniel Sherwood who was the 29th and last man admitted as a First Proprietor. He was a miller and erected a mill at the outlet of Lake Mamanasco.
- 15 The Smith Tavern. As early as 1719 Ebenezer Smith took guests at his house which stood on this corner near the present site of the Library. In 1797 Amos Smith, his grandson, erected here the tavern bearing his name.
- 16 Here stood the home of Colonel Philip Burr Bradley, Ridgefield's foremost soldier in the Revolution. Part of the original homestead is incorporated in the present dwelling.
- 17 On this triangle was erected a Liberty Pole in 1775. Cut down at night by the Tories, it was again constructed and filled with nails, spikes and slugs. The butt, filled with slugs, was dug up by William M. Lynes in 1860.
- 18 Under command of Major General James Agnew, a strong detachment of British mounted the rocky ledge at this point. At a distance of only twenty yards a whole platoon fired simultaneously at General Benedict Arnold, whose horse was killed. Arnold was unharmed and drawing his pistol shot a Tory who attempted to make him prisoner. The General then escaped with the last of his men to a nearby swamp.
- 19 A barricade formed of earth, rocks, ox-carts, lumber and rails, was hastily raised here by the Americans under command of General Silliman and General Arnold. On the east it was joined to the old Stebbins house, and on the left flank to the rocky ledge, formerly higher than it is at the present time. This was the third and principal engagement in the British invasion. Officers other than Silliman and Arnold were Colonel Gould, who was killed, Colonel Philip Burr Bradley, Colonel Lamb and Lieutenant Colonel Eleazer Oswald.
- 19a The Stebbins house, which formerly stood here, was built in 1727 by Benjamin Stebbins, who as a youth was a participant in the massacre in Deerfield, Massachusetts, his native town. During the Battle of Ridgefield, Benjamin Stebbins, aged eighty-six, sat in the attic where a bullet passed close to his head and ripped a long hole in the bedroom door. The building was scarred with cannon shot and bullet holes, in many instances the bullets were plainly visible embedded in the timbers. The house was used as a hospital for the wounded American and British soldiers.





STATE SEAL

To RIDGEBURY (See Inset) →

25 Isaac Keeler's Mill  
burned by British

MAMAMASCO LAKE

First Engagement

24

Second Engagement

23

General Wooster shot here

22

IN DEFENSE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE  
AT THE BATTLE OF RIDGEBURY  
APRIL 27, 1777.  
DIED

EIGHT PATRIOTS  
WHO WERE LAIN IN THESE GROUNDS  
COMPANIONED BY  
SIXTY-SEVEN SOLDIERS,  
LIVING, THEIR ENEMIES DYING, THEIR GUESTS.  
"IN HONOUR OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE  
THIS MEMORIAL IS PLACED  
FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF HEARTS."

Tablet in wall on Main St. site of old Stebbins house  
great residence of Miss Mary Olcott

TITICUS CROSS ROADS  
STONE ARCH BRIDGE OVER WHICH BRITISH PASSED

Sword presented to Jeremiah  
Keeler by General Lafayette  
(now in Ridgely Library)

To Sarah Bishop's Cave

36



BERRY

Col Philip Burr Bradley

16

Site of Amos Smith Tavern

15

Prospect St.

Third, and Principal Engagement

19

Barricade here during battle ~

Dr. Arnold's horse shot from under him

19A

Old Stebbins house, no longer standing, - 1717



19A

Farmingville Road

To DANBURY, 10 MILES

Old Cemetery, 1735

Danbury Road

Capt. Henry Whitney House

From RIDGEBURY



26

French Hussars camped here

27

Liberty Pole

28

Capt. Henry Whitney house  
now res. of Saml A. Coe

French Pay Carts  
parked here

29

Dr. Burr House;  
here Gen's Washington and Lafayette  
stayed the night.

30

Ridgely Congregational Church, 1709

31

Ensign Keeler Tavern

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Keeler Tavern

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RIDGEBURY

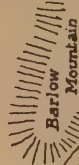
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Main French Encampment  
here - Camp #11

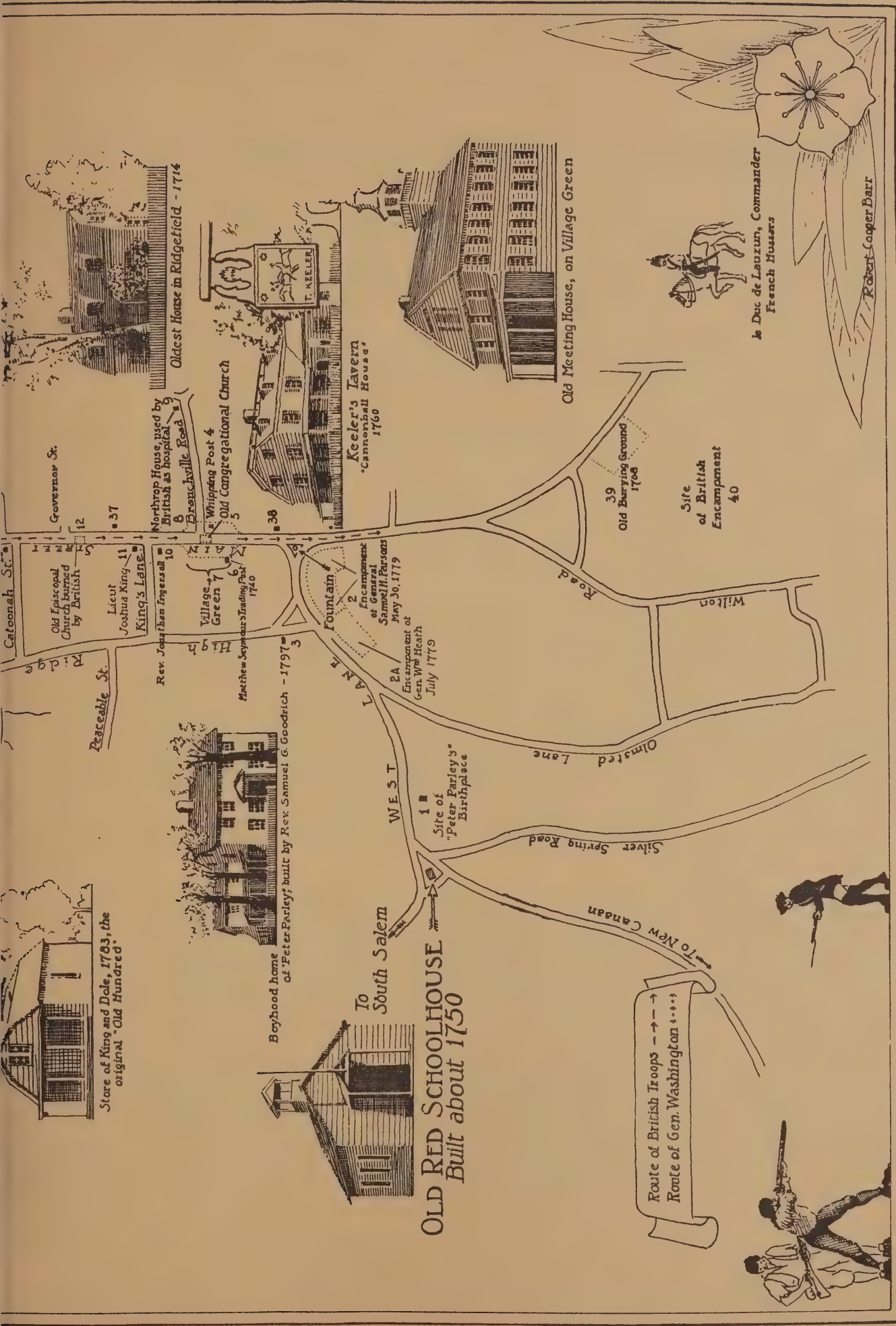
To DANBURY

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Bogus Road  
Port of British Troops passed over this  
road to Ridgely



Barlow Mountain



RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT, FOUNDED 1708



- 20 The old Town Burying Ground in Titicus was established January 27th, 1735, by vote of a Town Meeting.
- 21 Settler's Rock. Five of the first proprietors of the township, who came to Ridgefield on an exploring expedition, camped upon this rock for the night.
- 22 On this exact spot General Wooster fell from his horse, mortally wounded at the second engagement of the Battle of Ridgefield, April 27th, 1777.
- 23 Here started the second engagement of the battle which ended further south in the mortal wounding of General Wooster, mentioned in the preceding paragraph.
- 24 On this flat General Wooster attacked the rearguard of the British force under General Tryon on their retreat from Danbury, capturing forty prisoners. This was the first engagement of the battle.
- 25 At this point on the outlet of Lake Mamanasco stood the saw-mill and grist-mill of Isaac Keeler, in which were stored large quantities of flour and Indian corn. The mill was burned by the British on the 27th of April, 1777.
- 26 Over this highway on September 18th, 1780 General Washington and his aides with 22 dragoons, passed on their way from Peekskill to meet the Chevalier de Rochambeau, Commander of the French Army, and Admiral de Ternay, Commander of the French Navy, in conference at Hartford. Accompanied by General Lafayette, Colonel Alexander Hamilton, General Henry Knox, Surgeon General McHenry and Count de Gouvion of the French Engineers, the party remained overnight at the Ensign Keeler Tavern in Ridgebury. This was Washington's third trip into Connecticut. In the morning they proceeded to Litchfield, passing through Danbury, Newtown, Southbury, Woodbury and Bethlehem.
- 27 On this ridge encamped for the night of July 1st, 1781 the legion of 600 Hussars under the Duke de Lauzun.
- 28 Two homes of Captain Henry Whitney, a tanner, stood on this plot. The present house was erected in 1782. Captain Whitney saw active service in the Revolutionary War. The French Hussars, camping on the hill west of the house, July 1st, 1781, baled the springs, used in conjunction with the tannery, and secured hundreds of frogs for their evening meal. Samuel A. Coe, a Civil War veteran, has lived in this house for forty-eight years.
- 29 During the Revolution the store of Captain Daniel Coley stood on this spot. The French army pay-carts, under heavy guard were stationed in front of this store during the night of July 1st, 1781.

(See No. 34.)

- 30 On this site stood the dwelling (later the home of Dr. Burr) where General Washington and General Lafayette passed the night of September 18th, 1780, en route to Hartford.
- 31 This edifice, the Congregational Church of the Second Parish of Ridgefield, was built in 1769. Parts of a former church which stood below the triangle on the cross-roads were used in its construction.
- 32 The Ensign Samuel Keeler Tavern stood near this spot. It was the headquarters of General Washington, whose aides and body-guard here spent the night of September 18th, 1780.
- 33 The present dwelling, erected about 1730, a tavern in Colonial days, is the second oldest house in Ridgefield. From the original owners, the Keeler family, it descended to the Desmond family, who reside here. This tavern was a noted stage-coach station. The entrance door for the stage-coaches was 24 feet wide.
- 34 On this ridge was Camp No. 11 of the French Army. Here 3600 infantry and 600 artillery camped July 1-2, 1781 on their march from Newport to the Hudson River.
- 35 The entrance to Bogus Road is at this point. On the retreat from Danbury part of the British column, including the artillery, used this road.
- 36 Sarah Bishop, the hermitess, lived in a cave on West Mountain near the New York State line. She came from Long Island, where her home was burned by the British and the family mistreated. She died in 1810 and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Episcopal Cemetery in North Salem.
- 37 This edifice, built in 1783, though enlarged since Colonial days, was the store of King and Dole, both lieutenants in Sheldon's Dragoons.
- 38 This house, the Keeler Tavern, erected about 1760 by Timothy Keeler, is the principal building of historic interest in Ridgefield. It was noted through-out the country as the stopping place of many distinguished men. A cannon-ball fired by the British at the Battle of Ridgefield, April 27th, 1777, still is imbedded in the northeast corner of this ancient dwelling.
- 39 This is the ancient Burying-Yard which "was laid out" by the First Proprietors of Ridgefield in a Town Meeting held in Norwalk "November ye 25, 1708."
- 40 The British troops after the Battle of Ridgefield bivouacked for the night on this ridge. The next morning they set fire to a nearby house presumably as a signal to the ships at Compo. A cannon-ball fired from this camp is still to be seen lodged in the Colonel Samuel Scott house on the Wilton line.





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copyist.....J.B. Doud (?) my question mark, not sure it is Doud

From the "Narrative of Zuriel Sherwood":

"Paul Keeler and Hezekiah Smith had purchased a farm at the foot of the narrows, of Ephriam Lockwood on the west side of the river, and established a ferry at that place by the name of Keeler's Ferry"

"Paul Keeler owned a clearing one mile east from Breeches Pond, and had also purchased the Benjamin Jones Farm, two miles below the falls adjoining the farm of Peter Harris."

"About this time (about 1808) my father-in-law, and Hezekiah Smith, who both lived on the west bank of the River at the Ferry, got into some difficulty about their farm there, that they owned in partnership. The partnership was dissolved and my father-in-law lost considerable money by it, but as he had, when he came in, a half bushel of dollars, he had some left, which he used to purchase the Benjamin Jones farm in Jonestown and moved to it." (Zuriel Sherwood had married Lucy Keeler)

Also in the wedding description of his own wedding, he says the the house of Paul Keeler could be seen just across the river from the Ferry landing (or possibly from the Sherwood farm) and that it was partially hidden by the golden elms in October and that if they listened they might be able to hear the voices of the family inside. So the house must have been not too far from the banks of the Susquehanna River.

Another note from Zuriel Sherwood giving some insight to when the Keelers came is that he tells about his wife Lucy Keeler, watching them as they made a big catch of shad from the river as she sat in front of her cabin and he says the date of that is 1793. We find them marrying in 1799. *(Other sources say the Keelers came in 1795.)*

From the "History of Ridgefield" by Rockwell.....PAUL KEELER, JR. was born in Ridgefield, April 9, 1756. He married Sarah Burt Cornwell. He bought the land and built a house where now stands the Methodist Church. He moved to Falls Village, PA, where he died and was buried. He sold his property in Ridgefield to Nathan Dauchy, Page 154.

Note on the above birth date. May be true. Ann Hassold thought he was born before 1750. She gives a date of about 1747. See her explanation below. Perhaps a print error and the date is April 9, 1746 instead of 1756??

1790 Census of Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., CT

PAUL KEELER is listed next to NATHAN DAUCHY (who purchased his property when he moved to PA) Page 28

1800 Census of Exeter Township, Luzerne Co., PA.....as listed by "unknown researcher".

PAUL KEELER

1 male 16 to 26.....	born 1774-1784 .....	Prob Asa or Wm
1 male over 45.....	himself.....	born before 1755
3 females under 10.....	born 1790-1800.....	Urania, Fanny, Polly
3 females 10 to 16.....	born 1784-1790.....	Sarah, Abby, Clarissa
1 female over 45.....	wife, Sarah.....	born before 1755

From the 1810 census of Exeter Township, Luzerne Co., PA

PAUL KEELER

1 male over 45	born before 1765	probably Paul
2 females 10 to 16	born 1794-1800	



Check the family of  
Nathan Whitlock  
Was he related to Ann Whitlock?  
Might ~~he have been~~ ~~bro~~ to her

Prob. Nathan Whitlock from  
Salem, Westchester NY - yes

## Person Note for Paul Keeler Jr.

Came to Pennsylvania about 1795. Before they left Ridgefield, Connecticut, they sold their property to Nathan Dauchy.

Dates of death of both Paul and Sarah are taken from an inquiry in the WHS newspaper. Need to be checked further. The inquiry was from Marge Gray asking for the parents of both of them.

Paul Keeler was accessed in Eaton Township, now Wyoming Co., PA, then Luzerne Co., PA, in 1799, 1801 and 1802, as the owner in half-interest in a ferry which Hezekiah Smith, of Exeter, also owned half-interest. According to the tax lists for 1806 Paul Keeler sold his lands to Hezekiah Smith and removed from the township. His will was made in Exeter, Luzerne Co., PA, November 5, 1812, and was probated at Wilkes-Barre, January 6, 1813. It names his wife Sarah and the following children:

1. Anna
2. Asa
3. William
4. Nancy
5. Lucy
6. Sally, who married Nathaniel Fitch
7. Clarissa
8. Abbey
9. Fanny
10. Patty or Polly                      This was from Shoemaker.

Paul was reported as fighting in Sheldon's Light Horse Dragoons.

Also Ann Hassold says that he served in Waterbury's Regiment from Ct., from January 12 through January 15, 1776. (National Archives) It shows that he received pay for 3 days of service at that time.

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PAUL KEELER, JR., was a trumpeter in Sheldon's Light Horse Brigade in the Revolutionary Army. This brigade was from Connecticut. (Whitney Family, Vol. 1, page 76 and "History of Ridgefield" by John Rockwell, page 154)

Ann Hassold has looked and found no reference to Paul in the National Archives as being in Sheldon's Light Horse Brigade. But someone may have found it so will leave it in the genealogy.

She did find that Paul had served in Waterbury's Regiment from CT, from January 12 through Jan. 15, 1776, receiving pay for 3 days of service.

Copy shows.....Waterbury's Regiment, Conn.

Paul Keeler

Capt. Gamaliel Northrop's Co. in Col. David Waterbury's Regiment  
for ye expedition for Long Island, Jan'y 1776.

Revolutionary War

Appears on Company Pay Roll  
of the organization named above  
not dated

day enlisted, January 12, 1776

days in ye service.....3

Day discharged, January 15, 1776

Total wages.....4 or 11 shillings

No remarks



1 female 16 to 26  
1 female over 45

born 1784-1794  
born before 1765

probably Sarah

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Ann Hassold says that in the 1800 Census of Exeter Township, Luzerne Co., PA, Paul Keeler is listed between Hezekiah Smith and Zuriel Sherwood, who had just married Paul's dau. Lucy. I would assume that means they would have been his nearest neighbors. Hezekiah Smith was a partner in the Ferry with Paul Keeler.

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As this is the family who crosses with the Fitch family, I will put here the sources of Keeler information as listed by Ann Hassold and which she used for some of her facts. I will also repeat this at her family group page.

1. "The Keeler Family" by Wesley B. Keeler. Ralph Keeler of Norwalk CT and some of his descendants. Pages were copied for me and sent by a correspondent many years ago.
  2. "The Whitney Family of CT". by Phoenix, Vol. 1
  3. The Barbour Index to CT Vital Records as found in the Land Records - Ridgefield
  4. General Index of Compiled Service Records of Men Who Served from CT in the Revolutionary War - National Archives film, M860.
  5. Ridgefield Land Records, Vols. I & II, FHL film #5496, Land Records Vol. III & IV #5497, Land Records Vol. V & VI, #5498.
  6. Jacobus, "Families of Old Fairfield", Vol. I
  7. Luzerne Co. Deeds, Vol. III, page 560 (Paul Keeler purchases land in Falls Twp and ferry from Nathan Whitlock)
  8. Will Paul Keeler, Luzerne Co., Wills, Vol I, page 141
  9. Extracted Records from the South Salem United Church of Christ, Westchester, New York.
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Ann Also believes that Paul Keeler, Jr. was born before 1751 and also his sister, Sarah, as the baptism of brother Ebenezer, was in May of 1752. If Ebenezer was the first son of the 2nd wife, Sarah Wood, and Paul and Sarah were of the first wife, a Smith, then they would have to have been born before Ebenezer. If so the 1756 date reported in the Ridgefield History is incorrect. More info needed on this. Perhaps need to find out where Rockwell found the 1756 date for his publication.

To add to this theory is the fact that in the Nov. 20, 1812 issue of the Luzerne Advertiser we find  
"Paul Keeler, died in Exeter, aged 66 years (no date given)"  
At 66 years of age at death, his birth would be about 1746/47  
Will change on family group page, but will leave the date of April 9, 1756 here as  
it was reported in the Ridgefield History by Rockwell, but seems likely it is incorrect.

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Ann Hassold has searched many of the deeds and land records of Ridgefield. She notes that there were some transactions between some "Smiths" and Paul Keeler. The 1790 census shows several Smith neighbors and in deeds his lands lie next to Benjamin Smith and an "F" Smith (might this have been E for Ebenezer??) She could not find a definite connection between any Smith family and Paul Keeler but many were in the area.

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December 15, 1795.....Nathan Whitlock of Northmoreland Twp., Luzerne Co., PA, yeoman, for \$1565 deeds to PAUL KEELER of Ridgefield, Conn., yeoman.....deeds the above mentioned 150 acres "including the ferry, formerly occupied by Ephriam Lockwood of which I purchased the aforesaid premises as by deed on record in Luzerne Co., Book 3, page 319, may fully appear". Recorded December 15, 1795. (Book 3, p. 560)

Other transactions referring to this property as follows:

August 13, 1794.....Joseph Ogden and Humphrey Ogden, Jr., of the town of Pawling, Dutchess Co., New York, and Joseph Ogden of Western (Weston??), yeomen, deed to Ephriam Lockwood of Western, Conn., yeoman, for 133L and 6 s land in the town of Northmoreland, Luzerne Co., PA., and is lot 5 in said township beginning at the corner of lot 4 at a white oak tree marked on the bank of the Susquehanna River, thence running westerly in company with lot 4 one and one-fourth miles, thence running northerly 80 rods, thence running easterly course to the Susquehanna River holding the breadth of 80 rods, thence down said river to the place of beginning, containing 200 acres.

Signed.....Joseph Ogden  
Humphrey Ogden, Jr.  
Humphrey Ogden, Jr. (?)

(So the record reads) Witnesses: Stephen Hurlburt and Rhoda Sturges, Joseph and Humphrey Ogden acknowledged the deed before Mathew Paterson, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Dutchess Co., New York. Recorded May 15, 1794 (Luzerne Co., PA Deeds Book 3, page 47)

March 6, 1795.....Ephriam Lockwood of Northmoreland, Luzerne Co., PA., yeoman, for 300L deeds to Nathan Witlock of Lower Salem, Westchester Co., New York, a parcel of land lying in said Northmoreland Township being Lot 5 in said township beginning at a small yellow oak tree on the bankd of the Susquehanna River being the corner of said Lot 5 and Lot 4 in said township, thence running west 16 degrees, south being the dividing line between said lots to the northwest corner of said Lot 4, thence north 2 degrees, east to the Susquehanna River, thence down in company with said river to the first mentioned bounds INCLUDING THE FERRY which I have occupied and containing 150 acres.

Signed.....Ephriam Lockwood, no signature of wife

Witnesses: John Phillips and Sally Wilson. Recorded March 24, 1795 (Book 3, page 319)

(If the records are correct and Ephraim Lockwood who was the brother of Elizabeth Lockwood who married John Fitch died about 1783, then it was not Elizabeth's brother who had purchased the Ferry which later was purchased by Paul Keeler. Her brother, Ephraim, was a Tory according to Jacobus and was dead by 1783 as there was a distribution of his estate to widow Ann. So we must look for another Ephraim Lockwood, though could well be a relative since "Ephraim" was the ancestor name passed down through the family. He was also called of Western (Weston) which is where that Lockwood family lived.)

*Ann  
was  
Ann  
Whitlock*

(Note also that Nathan Whitlock was previously of Lower Salem, Westchester County, New York, which is exactly where Paul Keeler came from. His father died there.)

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Will of Paul Keeler, Jr. as written by the "unknown researcher":

The will of Paul Keeler of the District of Exeter, Luzerne Co., PA, dated November 12, 1812, proved January 6, 1813, being weak of body gives to wife, SARAH, the whole of my lands, buildings, stock, privileges and everything name and nature in any way so long as she liveth and to sell away any part of the whole according as she sees cause and at her decease to be divided as follows, in case that my wife does not sell the farm, to be sold at her death and divided as follows: And everything sold at her death. As for my daughter ANNA, I do give \$3 to be taken out of my estate and as for my son, ASA, I do give to my son, Asa, he is to have twice as much as WILLIAM and NANCY, and LUCY, SALLY, CLARISSA, ABBEY, FANNY, PATTY, and my son WILLIAM, this latter ones to be divided. As for my daughters, POLLY and FANNY, their to have a good bed and bedding each and \$10 each to be taken out of said estate before dividing household furniture. Executor, wife, SARAH. Witnesses: Peter Harris and Levi



Townsend.

Signed, PAUL KEELER

(Luzerne Co., PA., Wills Book A, page 141)

(Some of the wording of this will seems strange, not sure it is correct)

December 4, 1820.....ZURIEL SHERWOOD and wife, LUCY, formerly LUCY KEELER, of Bloom Twp., Morgan Co., Ohio, deed to ASA KEELER of Northmoreland Twp., Luzerne Co., PA, for \$100 all that property that shall fall to us as heirs unto the estate of PAUL KEELER, deceased, of the county of Luzerne, consisting of one tract of land lying in the District of Exeter, county aforesaid, bounded north and east by lands of Levi Townsend, on the south by Elisha Harris, and on the west by the Susquehanna River containing 150 acres. Both sign. Witnesses: Ira Jones and JAMES SICKLER. Acknowledged in Luzerne Co., PA. Recorded June 26, 1863 (Deeds Book 10, page 10)

September 26, 1828.....JACOB DRAKE and wife, NANCY, formerly NANCY KEELER, of the township and county of Delaware, Ohio, and FRANCIS C. JOHNS of the township of Sunbury, county and state aforesaid, deed for \$100 to ASA KEELER of Northmoreland Twp., Luzerne Co., PA., all our right as heirs to the estate of PAUL KEELER, deceased, late of the township or District of Exeter, Luzerne Co., PA, consisting of moveables and our shares of a tract of 140 acres bounded by the Susquehanna River on the west, CONSIDER TOWNSEND on the north, unknown lands on the east, by lands of Elisha Harris and the north line of Exeter on the south.....and the said FRANCIS C. JOHNS and particularly for the children of his former wife, ABBY KEELER, viz., NANCY D., ABBY COWLES, and NANCY COWLES. Acknowledged September 26, 1828 in Delaware Co., Ohio. Recorded June 26, 1863 (Deeds Book 10, page 11)

August 10, 1822.....HARRY STROPE and wife, FANNY, formerly FANNY KEELER, of Wysox Twp., Bradford Co., PA., deed their interest for \$100 to ASA KEELER of their share as heirs of PAUL KEELER. Both sign. Witnesses: Patience Albro by mark X and POLLY KEELER. Acknowledged August 10, 1822, but not recorded until June 30, 1863 which was then in Wyoming County, PA (Wyoming Co., PA, Deeds Book 10, page 15)

Feb. 11, 1831.....WILLIAM KEELER and wife, REBECCA, of Towanda, Bradford Co., PA, for \$75 deed their share to ASA KEELER, it being all that tract and the one-tenth part of the land surveyed to SARAH KEELER, in trust for the heirs of PAUL KEELER, deceased, of the District of Exeter containing 119 acres. Both sign. Witnesses: George Bowman and D.F. Barstow. Acknowledged in Bradford Co., PA. Recorded June 29, 1863 (Deed Book 10, page 11)

Data on the Keeler Family in the "Genealogy of John Rockwell and Ralph Keeler" by J. Boughton, published 1903, page 29, footnote, and page 72, state that PAUL KEELER was born at Ridgefield, Conn., April 9, 1756, married February 7, 1775, at Ridgefield, Conn., SARAH BURT CORNWALL, moved 1790 to the vicinity of the Great Bend of the Susquehanna, bought 150 acres, Lot 5, in the certified township of Northmoreland, Luzerne Co., PA, which is situated opposite Falls Township, now Wyoming Co., PA.

He sold this after a short time after this and settled about 2 miles below Falls Village where he lived until his death, November 16, 1812, and was buried in the family graveyard. His wife lived on the farm until the marriage of their daughter, MARY, to ANDREW MONTAYNE, when she moved to Exeter Township., Luzerne, Co., PA, and lived with her daughter MARY until her death, April 17, 1826, and was buried by the side of her husband. The farm was purchased by the son ASA, who gave it to his son, STERNE, and at the death of STERNE, his son, HENRICK B. KEELER purchased it and owned it until 1903.

Reuben Taylor lived on the McKeen Flats





Matthew Sherwood, JOHN FITCH and David Morehouse on the flat below  
PAUL KEELER and Zephaniel Townsend on the Townsend Flat.

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From History of Wyoming County, Exeter Township, page 510

"Mr. Stule, who settled in the north part of the township, opposite KEELER'S FERRY, PAUL KEELER, after whom the Ferry was named".....was naming early settlers of Exeter Township.

"Mr. Sherwood states that the first Methodist preachers hereabouts preached at KEELER'S FERRY 70 years ago."

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April 5, 1802.....Luzerne County Federalist.....listed that PAUL KEELER had a letter waiting for him at the post office at Wilkes-Barre.

In July of 1802 a letter was reported to be waiting for PAUL KEELER, Newport at Wilkes-Barre.  
This may be an error. Will have to track down where Newport is found.

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1803 in the Luzerne Co. Federalist, we find a list of titles in Northmoreland township, certificates being issued. On this list we find  
John Fitch, Gideon Fitch, Paul Keeler, David Morehouse, Thaddeus, John and Daniel Taylor. This notice says that page 3-2-t will give the lot number and number of acres. I wonder where these papers might be found. Also listed is a Roswell Well's (contested by Keeler) so must have been a fight for this particular land.

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Found in the Luzerne County Federalist of February 1804....."A valuable farm, containing about 300 acres, with 100 under improvement, there are on the premises, two houses, and one barn, with about 50 bearing fruit trees; also two Ferry Boats and a good Fishing place. It is a good stand for a tavern or store. For further particulars, enquire of KEELER and SMITH, on the premises, Northmoreland."

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Oct. 1811.....a letter found in the Pittston Post Office waiting for PAUL KEELER.

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The Ferry land that Paul Keeler bought came from  
The Whitlocks who bought it in 1795 from  
Ephriam Lockwood, who had purchased it from the Ogden family

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A Note about Keeler's Ferry..... "Nelson Walker, who timbered the Keeler property at Keelersburg, a few miles above West Falls, operated a freight ferry for about 5 years until 1900 from there to the McKine property on the east side of the river. The initial ferry boat built by Solomon White of pine logs cost \$35. Members of the Keeler family and others contributed the funds for its construction. Apparently though it was called Keeler's Ferry the Keeler family did not do the operation themselves, but owned part of it." This refers probably to a later time but tells a little about the Ferry.

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1803, List of Titles in Northmoreland Township and Certificates issued.....Named on list:  
Paul Keeler

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JUMEL, (Madame). 1:407, 559.  
JUMEL, Stephen. 1:472h.  
JUMP, Reuben. 2:500.  
JUNE, . 2:504, 522.  
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JUNE, John. 2:531.  
JUNE, John E. 2:488.  
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